

Agriculture Dept. Charges:

BROKERS GRAB SUGAR TO RAISE PRICES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. — Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson today accused a group of New York brokers of trying to kill all federal controls on sugar so they can corner the world supply and drive prices up to 50 cents a pound or more.

At the same time, he ordered an investigation into charges that another vital commodity—butter—was being manipulated by other New York market operators to the detriment of the consuming public.

The Secretary exploded his angry charge against the sugar brokers in a letter to Sen. Carl A. Hatch (D-NM), in which he asserted that a plot was afoot to break the government's sugar price and rationing programs.

He did not name the brokers involved, other than to identify them as New York leaders of the National Sugar Brokers Association.

His letter was designed to answer a pamphlet sent to Hatch on Dec. 6 by the association, which attacked the government's sugar policies and asserted there would be more sugar for the public if the government took its hands off.

He charged the association with a deliberate "propaganda campaign" to discredit controls and remove price curbs. Such a move, he said, would enable American interests to turn their superior buying power loose in world markets and corner all the available supplies.

"They itch to get their fingers into a swirling upward spiral of sugar prices," he said.

He said he has no intention of yielding on the decontrol question, but held out hope that increased supplies would be available in the domestic market next year.

He said the industry sugar committee believes householders' rations for 1947 can be increased from 25 to 35 pounds per person and that industrial users also can get more sugar, at least after the first three months of the year.

On the butter front, Anderson ordered his department's top investigator to New York to look into the reason for yesterday's sharp break in butter prices there. The New York District Attorney's office also was understood to be considering action if illegal market "rigging" is uncovered.

Butter prices tumbled as much as 10 cents a pound, evoking a flood of complaints to the Agriculture Department that big dairy interests had "rigged" the market for about 10 days before that time to maintain an artificially high price on milk products.

The New York decline came when the big dairy interests suddenly stopped large-scale purchases of butter which they had been making to "support" the market.

Under a fixed federal-state formula, the

prices which dairymen serving the New York metropolitan area will get for their products are based upon the average price for the preceding month. Tuesday was the last day used in making that calculation and the dairymen allegedly stopped buying after that day, letting the market seek its own level—10 cents below the month-long average.

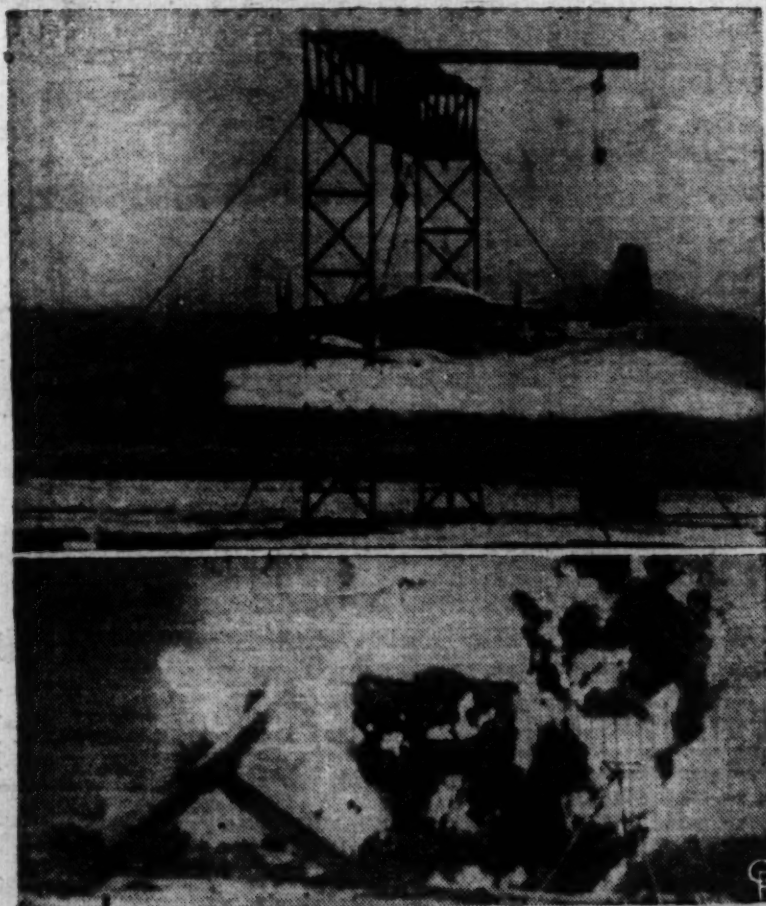
William H. Burns, head of the National Brokers Association, last night described as "fantastic" the charges New York brokers were trying to corner the sugar supply.

Burns said removal of controls on sugar at this time would be "chaotic." The sugar brokers, he said, don't want prices raised and are trying to get refined sugar for food manufacturers at the lowest possible price.

A high official of the Bureau of Labor Statistics doubted that the break in butter prices and a similar decline in the cost of some clothing presaged any general drop in living costs.

He said the trends indicate that living costs are approaching their top levels and that from now on there should be a levelling off, with some price declines counter-balanced by increases in other items.

"But," he warned, "there isn't likely to be a sudden tumble of prices in general."



War Weapon: A "Tiny Tim" rocket is fired from a Navy P-51 fighter plane during a Navy test at Inyokern, Cal. (top picture). In the lower photo the rocket hits, and then demolishes the target.

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WORLD EVENTS

300 Big Shot Nazis Paroled by U.S.

Informants at American Army headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany, said yesterday that about 300 high ranking Nazis including former members of the General Staff and Storm Troop leaders had been paroled, according to United Press.

Informants declined to give names, and a promised statement by public relations officers did not appear.

It was indicated that the parole included high Nazi civilians of near-Cabinet rank.

Those Germans interned in German camps awaiting denazification proceedings were not affected, informants said.

They added that high Nazi officers assigned to the Army Historical Division to help write detailed campaign histories from the German viewpoint had been receiving 10 to 14-day leaves for "some time." About 40 Nazi historians were given Christmas furloughs, it was said.

UN Body Approves Part of U. S. Atom Plan; Soviets Silent

The United Nations Atomic Energy Commission approved several preliminary sections of the U. S. proposal for control of atomic energy yesterday. Russia refrained from participating in the discussion and voting, while Canada differed with the United States on whether the veto will apply to sanctions against violators.

The Soviet Union was represented by Prof. S. P. Alexandrov, who said regular delegate Andrei Gromyko was engaged with other business. Gromyko had previously requested a six or seven-day delay in considering the question.

However, Baruch pressed for a showdown, even though the Security Council, which must approve any recommendations of the commission, requires Big Five unanimity.

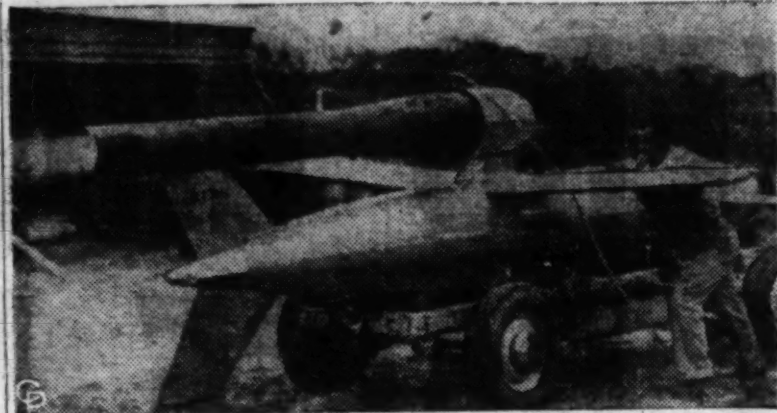
Yesterday's meeting was in the form of a "committee of the whole" and was closed. Newsmen were briefed after the session.

Dr. Quo Tai-chi of China sought clarification yesterday on whether

2 American Books Banned by Chiang

Chiang Kai-shek marked the adoption of his new constitution by banning the books "Thunder Out of China," by Theodore White and Annalee Jacoby, and "The Challenge of Red China," by Guenther Stein. The new constitution "guarantees" freedom of speech.

the proposed treaties should include non-UN members. He pointed out that Spain was barred from the UN and might seek to evade regulations against making atomic weapons. (Reports from Spain have indicated that Nazi scientists are now working in Spain on advanced techniques of modern warfare.)



Guided Missile: For bombing areas within a 100-mile range and for catapult or rocket launching, this new ship-to-shore guided missile is tested at the Naval Air Modifications unit, Johnsville, Pa. Its speed is more than 400 miles an hour.

WORLD BRIEFS

SAY RADAR COULD HAVE SAVED 70 LIVES

THE LIVES of 70 persons could have been saved, American officials in Shanghai said, if the pilots of the three transport planes which crashed had learned how to use radar.

ARGENTINA'S delegate to UN Jose Arce said his country would not carry out the UN decision to withdraw all ambassadors and ministers from France Spain.

THE JAPANESE forced captured Indian troops into Japan's army, killing many after cruel beatings, the Tokyo war crimes

trial was informed.

COL. JACK DURANT went on trial in Frankfurt for stealing \$1,500,000 worth of Hesse crown jewels. Hundreds of pieces of jewelry were introduced as evidence.

THE SLICKEST and biggest counterfeiting gang in Paris was partly broken up when French police got two blondes, their male protectors and 5,000,000 phony francs. The gang has already passed 300,000,000 counterfeit francs.



Viet Nameese Counter-Attack Hanoi French

Viet Nam troops are counter-attacking French forces violently in Hanoi and areas around it, dispatches from Indo-China said last night, according to United Press. Their activities are intensifying despite heavy losses inflicted by French bombing and strafing planes.

Gen. Jean Valluy, commanding French Far Eastern forces, has arrived in Hanoi from Saigon, to assume personal direction of the campaign, a UP Saigon dispatch said.

It had appeared that the French troops were making progress against the independence forces. But yesterday's dispatches reported the Viet Nam troops counter-attacking savagely in Hanoi, the capital, and at Hadong, Namdinh and Haidoung in an arc extending west, south and east of it.

The Namdinh rebels are using three-inch field guns and mortars in an intensified attack on French positions but have failed to dent them, a General Staff communique said.

Maurice Moutet, French Colonial Minister newly arrived in Saigon to survey the situation, said at a dinner given by Adm. Georges Thierry d'Argenlieu, the High Commissioner, that he had "come as a messenger of peace to dissipate all misunderstandings," the French Press Agency reported.

"France is determined to make all necessary efforts to re-establish peace and order," Moutet said. "However," France can not permit its hand to be forced."

Strong concentrations of rebels are operating along the railroad lines and rivers south of Hanoi, the communique said. However, it was added, French machine-gunning planes were effective in breaking up these concentrations.

British Ponder Albanian Note

Prime Minister Clement Attlee and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin yesterday interrupted their Christmas vacations to discuss the probable rejection of an Albanian note on mining the Corfu Channel, UP reported from London. Two British destroyers were damaged and 44 men and officers on them were killed by mines in the channel on Oct. 22.

Attlee and Bevin were believed to have talked about bringing the matter before the United Nations' Security Council.

The note was the reply of Albania to a British ultimatum. Britain had demanded, by midnight last Monday, "a satisfactory reply," a promise of compensation for the families of the men killed and a guarantee that such incidents would not happen again. Albania presented its reply Saturday night.

Unofficially it was said that the Albanian note offered regrets over the deaths of the men and refused compensation to either the families of the victims or to the British Government for the destroyers.

China Still Gets U. S. Lend-Lease

The British Empire received 62 percent of all lend-lease shipped by the U. S. and China continues to get military lend-lease, it was disclosed yesterday in President Truman's report to Congress on lend-lease operations as of Sept. 30, 1946.

Total lend-lease sent by the U. S. was \$50,692,000,000 and it received more than \$10,000,000,000. In his 23d report to Congress on such operations Truman said the British received over \$31,000,000,000 and Russia got \$11,000,000,000.

Truman's message stated settlement of lend-lease accounts was motivated by the desire to "promote mutually advantageous economic relations" with the nations involved.

The reason given for continued military lend-lease to China after V-J Day was that China was "near collapse." The lend-lease was used to wage full-scale warfare against Communists and liberated areas of China.

Speaking of Useless Christmas Gifts

SRIRAMPUR, India, Dec. 27.—Mohandas K. Gandhi does not play cards, he does not smoke and he is bald.

Last night Gandhi opened a Christmas package from the Friends Service Union.

It included a deck of cards, some American cigarettes, a comb and a shaving set.

MRP Man Elected Council Head

Auguste Champetier De Ribes of the Popular Republican Movement was elected President of the Council of the Republic last night, 124 votes to 119, according to a United Press report from Paris last night.

He was elected on the third ballot. His opponent, who got 119 votes, was George Marrange, Communist. The Socialists and Union of Left Republicans withdrew their candidates after two ballots.

The Council of the Republic, under the new constitution, replaces the senate of the Third Republic.

Monty to Visit Soviet Union

The British War Office announced last night that Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, chief of the Imperial General Staff, has accepted an invitation by Premier Joseph Stalin to visit Russia and probably will leave for the Soviet Union shortly after Jan. 1, according to United Press.

Stalin invited Montgomery during the Potsdam conference in Berlin. The War Office said Montgomery is "anxious to acquaint himself with the military life of the Red Army."

Besides Stalin's invitation, the War Office said, Montgomery also had been invited to Russia by Marshal Alexander Mikhailovich Vassilevsky, chief of the Soviet General Staff.

Vassilevsky's invitation was given to Montgomery Oct. 14 by the Soviet military attache in London.



Buried Alive 9 Hours, Rescued From Well

NORWELL, Mass., Dec. 27.—Buried alive for nine hours after the walls of a 35-foot well he was digging collapsed, Donald L. Morris, 32, of Pembroke, was rescued by a special crew of laborers tonight 15 feet from the bottom of the pit.

Using a steamshovel and later picks and hand-shovels, the rescuers heard Morris shout: "Don't stop digging, for God's sake."

Minutes later, Perry Osborne, the

town road surveyor, and postmaster Charles Baldwin found Morris, covered with dirt and rocks, lying on two wooden beams which apparently saved him from drowning in eight feet of water at the bottom of the pit.

Morris was given an oplate at the scene and a waiting ambulance took him to a Weymouth hospital, where he was found to be suffering a skull fracture and shock.

LABOR and the NATION

GOP Senators Stall on Ousting Bilbo

By ROB F. HALL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The Senate Republican Steering Committee failed to agree on a plan to unseat Sen. Bilbo after a three hour session today, it was learned here, and there is an increasing number of observers giving odds the shame of Mississippi will retain his post.

'Un-American' Report Can't Be Found

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The House Un-American Committee which usually never overlooks a chance to give out with its propaganda was silent as a tomb today. And Ernie Adamson, committee counsel, who prepared and had printed at government expense his own views on the Communist menace, was nowhere to be found.

To a Daily Worker reporter who called at the committee's office in search of a copy of the now scarce Adamson report, the young lady replied: "I'm sorry, they are no longer available, by order of the acting chairman."

"And who is the acting chairman?" The reporter asked.

"Mr. Rankin," she said.

Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R-NJ) slated to be chairman of the Un-American Committee after Jan. 3, when the Republicans take over, let out a blast, however, from his own office. His first job, when he takes over the chairmanship, will be to fire Adamson, he said.

His complaint was that Adamson never consulted committee members about the report, simply went ahead on his own and had it printed by the Superintendent of Documents. He got a copy of the report after he read about it in the newspapers, Thomas said.

NOT CONCERNED

Adamson, in Pittsburgh on "personal business," said he was not concerned by Thomas' threat since he had planned for some time "to terminate my connection with the committee after the first of the year."

He pointed out that the congressional reorganization bill, effective with the new congress, makes no provision for committee counsel and would have to be amended for him to remain on the job.

Rep. John Murdock (D-Ariz.), a committee member, has his office only three doors down the hall from Adamson, but he told the Daily Worker that he also hadn't seen the report. Until today, Murdock seemed more hurt and aggrieved than outraged.

Perhaps Adamson prepared the report to submit to the committee and only had it printed for their convenience, he suggested. Of course, most of the committee members have been out of town, and couldn't confer with Adamson on it, he added.

NO COMMENT

No, he didn't want to comment on it, because really all he knew about it was what he heard on the radio.

None of the Un-American Committee, from Thomas to Rankin, apparently objected to the contents of the Adamson report. It consisted of the same old extravagant red-baiting, wild charges of revolution against trade unions, radio stations, and progressive organizations, which has characterized the work of the committee since Martin Dies first frightened an appropriation out of Congress. The Thomas, Rankin and Murdock apparently resent Adamson's delusions of grandeur in which he fancies himself as important as a congressman.

Robert Stripling, employed by the committee under the Dies regime, is expected to succeed Adamson.



Treed: This automobile lies crushed beneath three 30-foot trees that fell on it as it was parked on a Los Angeles (it never rains) street during a driving rainstorm hit the city. The storm flooded hundreds of homes, disrupted traffic and indirectly brought death to 30 persons.

Gov't OKs Rent Hike On Converted Homes

By Fred Vast

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—A crack in the rent ceiling appeared today as the Office of Temporary Controls yielded to landlord pressure and permitted owners to charge higher rates for newly converted housing units.

John Goodloe Replaces Allen As RFC Chief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (UP).—George E. Allen, longtime personal and political friend of President Truman, resigned today as a director of the Reconstruction Finance Corp., and simultaneously submitted detailed proposals for simplifying and curtailing the agency's vast lending powers.

His resignation becomes effective Jan. 16, exactly one year from the date of his appointment. Truman immediately named John D. Goodloe, RFC general counsel and a former Kentucky newspaperman, to succeed him.

Allen's letter of resignation called for a "complete revision" of the RFC Act, repeal of the agency's extraordinary wartime powers and elimination of all "unnecessary" peacetime powers.

Allen said he was leaving the government to return to private business where he is a director in 10 or more corporations.

Allen reminded Truman he had agreed to serve only for a year when he took over the RFC post last January, but he said he always would be available for any job the President wishes him to perform.

OTC officials insisted the break was negligible because conversions are only a small portion of the rent picture.

Some circles, however, viewed the retreat as a danger signal of the storm over rent control due in the new Congress.

Amended regulations, revealed today, now allow landlords to charge \$4 above ceilings on comparable units for every \$1,000 they spend in converting quarters.

OPA had allowed a \$3 increase for every \$1,000, considering the amount a "comfortable incentive" to encourage owners in making living space for homeless citizens.

OTC rent officials said they took the new step to spur greater conversion activity in the face of rapidly rising costs of building materials, which are estimated to have soared 50 percent during the year.

Landlords have been unwilling to lay out heavy investments unless the immediate returns were greater.

The new regulations, issued as field instructions three weeks ago, limit the \$4 rate to permits issued after Nov. 16 of this year.

Boston Post Ups Price

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The Boston Post announced today that the price of each copy would be increased from 2 to 3 cents effective Jan. 1.

Higher Learning

By Alan Max

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler denies there is any discrimination at Columbia University, and as evidence points to the college charter of 1754 which specifically forbids it. But that was when Columbia was known as King's College and the charter evidently prohibited discrimination against Englishmen, not Americans.

At the conclusion of the steering committee meeting, Chairman Robert A. Taft (R-O) brushed aside reporters' questions with the statement that "this is the old steering committee and cannot make decisions." What is to be done about Bilbo, he said, must be decided by the new committee named by the new GOP caucus to be held on the eve of Congress opening.

Highly significant, however, was the announcement of Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich) member of both the Steering Committee and the Senate War Investigating Committee, that he will ask the latter group to hold additional hearings on the Bilbo case.

He said he will request Sen. Mead (D-NY) committee chairman, to summon Dr. A. J. Podesta, John Carr, and Dr. James M. Logan, all mentioned in previous hearings in connection with charges that Bilbo obtained money for helping a dope addict receive supplies of narcotics.

CANT CONVINCE

The announcement of Ferguson, who is known to favor ousting Bilbo, was interpreted here as a sign of the steering committee's unwillingness to proceed against the Mississippian on the basis of present evidence. Therefore, it is said, Ferguson wants more evidence on the dope charge in the hope that he can convince his fellow GOP leaders that there is ground for action.

Sen. Milliken (R-Colo.), chief constitutional brain trust to the top GOP leadership, has played the game cautiously. An open and bitter opponent of FEPC and anti-poll tax legislation, he has refused to take a public position on the Bilbo affair. However, he made a full report to the GOP steering committee today, and while he contends he only informed them of the law and procedure, it is felt that he indirectly argued against ouster action.

Negro leaders contacted by the Daily Worker today expressed the opinion that no reliance can be

placed in the GOP leadership on this issue. While some Republican senators, such as Ferguson and Bridges favor ousting Bilbo, others are opposed to action. In this group they listed the following: Moore of Okla., Robertson of Wyo., Bushfield and Gurney of South Dakota. The new majority leader, Wallace White of Maine, has consistently opposed legislation demanded by Negroes, they said.

On the other hand, they pointed out, some Democrats, notably Wagner of New York and Taylor of Idaho, will go down the line to oust Bilbo.

GOP indecision on the Bilbo issue is only a sample of what may be expected from the Republicans on other issues in which the Negro people are vitally interested, one Negro leader said.

He discounted Republican campaign pledges to support FEPC and anti-lynching and anti-polltax legislation.

The GOP leadership may halfheartedly challenge Bilbo's seat and may officially press for anti-lynching legislation. But it will not invoke party discipline behind these measures and almost certainly will not push for FEPC and anti-polltax bills unless strong pressure is exerted from back home, he said.

Mayor Shifts LaGuardia Cop

Deputy Inspector James Harten, one of former Mayor LaGuardia's closest aides, was shifted yesterday afternoon by Mayor O'Dwyer into the police department's traffic division.

NATIONAL SCENE

FIND ALL 12 DEAD IN PLANE CRASH



A WESTERN AIRLINES plane which disappeared Christmas Eve with 12 persons aboard was found crumpled on the slopes of Mt. Laguna in California. The crew and all passengers were dead.

AN ARMY TRANSPORT arrived in New York with 87 dogs sick of the sea and a crew sick of the dogs. The dogs were pets of former servicemen, and howled, fought and got sick through the stormy 17-day trip.

WESTERN UNION will hike telegram rates another 10 percent, adding another \$8,500,000 to its yearly take.

THE LABOR DEPARTMENT announced the coal strike brought the total number of working time lost by strikes through November this year to 107,475,000 man days. Actual number of strikes this year probably will fall short of previous marks, the department said, pointing out that 1946 strikes cost only about 1.5 percent of available working time.

TEMPERATURES dropped to 16 degrees in New York and hit an



ARMY VETERAN R. J. Weber is co-pilot of the Western Air Lines plane that has been missing in the thick-fogged mountains east of San Diego, Calif.

all time high of 72.6 degrees in Kansas City.

FIVE PERSONS were killed when a Santa Fe bus, carrying 34 persons, collided with a heavy truck near Glasgow, Mo.

Case of the Dropped Newscasters

By Miriam Kolkin
By Federated Press

The case of the vanishing progressive commentators—a whodunit that you can't hear on the air waves—is today's radio's biggest thriller.

Alibis are plentiful for the gradual disappearance from radio of any political newscaster who does not follow the line of big business. Loss of sponsor, inability to find the time slot, economy, etc.

But the fact remains that in the past year while the corps of reactionary commentators has remained untouched, more than a score of progressives have been pushed off the air and the remaining handful are close to the brink.

The trend can be traced back to Nov. 6, 1945, when the Wood-Rankin Committee on unAmerican activities announced an investigation of the political views of seven radio commentators. Only four remain on the air today and of these two have been cut down to once-a-week broadcasts. Since the last elections, which the radio industry has interpreted as a mandate for reaction, the swing toward the right has become even more marked.

STEEL, KINGDOM DROPPED

Most recent victims are Johannes Steel, whose departure from WHN on Dec. 27 suspended a 10-year career in radio, and Dr. Frank Kingdon, whose nightly broadcasts on the Mutual Broadcasting System's WOR ended Dec. 20. No sponsor was the reason given in Steel's case, no good time available was the excuse for the dropping of Kingdon. Steel is seeking to finance his return to the airwaves by selling a private newsletter which he hopes may be able to sponsor his air time.

A rollick of others engulfed by radio's trend toward reaction shows the following victims: Robert St. John, John Vandercook,

Don Hollenbeck, Don Goddard, Sidney Walton, Hans Jacob, Orson Welles, Quentin Reynolds, Henry Morgenthau, Jr.

WOR, which dropped Kingdon but keeps native fascist Upton Close, Fulton Lewis, Henry J. Taylor and Gabriel Heatter, has also cut liberal Cecil Brown down to a 5-minute weekly broadcast. Remaining are J. Raymond Walsh on WMCA, Gallmor with a weekly 15-minute program on WHN, and Raymond Gram Swing on the American Broadcasting Co. network, but all three reportedly regard their future on the airwaves as extremely uncertain.

WORSE ON COAST

The trend on the west coast has been even more sweeping. Last April there were 25 pro-business commentators and 14 liberals on daily. Today there are 35 conservatives or reactionaries reaching west coast audiences. The progressive group has been whittled down to four; Averill Berman, daily, and Peter De Lima, Fridays, over KXLA in Pasadena and Alvin Wilder, daily, and Raymond Swing, twice weekly, over KECA.

One of the most popular commentators forced off the air on the west coast is Sam Balter, dropped by the Mutual network when he exposed the pro-fascist connections of its owner, Col. Robert R. McCormick of the Chicago Tribune.

Typical of the censorship slapped on west coast commentators was an order last summer by KMPC general manager Bob Reynolds to his newscasters never to mention FDR or Henry A. Wallace over the air. What if Wallace dies, Reynolds was asked. "Just say, 'the Secretary of Commerce,'" he replied.



ORSON WELLES



FRANK KINGDON



JOHANNES STEEL

Liberal radio commentators gagged by Big Business

2 Youths Held in Philadelphia Police Murder

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—Two boys, only 15, stood in a courtroom today and heard themselves charged with the slaying of a Philadelphia policeman.

Aaron Gore, Jr., son of an Army captain, appeared only slightly nervous when he heard a detective read a statement in which he admitted fatally shooting patrolman Henry Hicks, 39, father of six children.

His companion, Keith Donaldson, stared straight ahead. Donaldson is the son of an Elberon, N. J., electrical engineer employed by the War Department.

Municipal Court Judge Charles L. Brown ordered them held without bail.

Longshoremen Get 5c Raise on West Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—A five-cent hourly wage increase has been granted West Coast longshoremen by a federal arbitrator, the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union announced today.

The award of arbitrator Dr. Clark Kerr is binding on both sides by terms of the contract signed last November. Its effective date is Jan. 1, 1947.

Kerr said the increase was ordered to bring longshoremen's present wage scale of \$1.52 for a six-hour day to parity with a cost of living increase of 3.3 percent based on Bureau of Labor Statistics for the period from Sept. 30-Nov. 15, 1946.

BOSSSES ARGUED
The Pacific Coast Waterfront Employers Association had argued that all cost-of-living indexes should be based on the index of Jan. 1, 1941. On that basis, employers argued at a series of hearings conducted be-

fore Kerr, the present longshoremen's rate is 11.6 percent above the present cost of living.

Kerr acted as arbitrator under the contract between the ILWU and the Waterfront Employers Association.

The union's announcement said the arbitrator's decision was made "disregarding the claim of the employers that shipping was declining on the West Coast and the charge longshoremen are engaged in a production slow-down."

The award is binding until expiration of the current contract on June 15, 1947.

Employers had no comment on the order other than to state that this was a "new basis for figuring cost-of-living increases."

\$45-A-WEEK WORKER TELLS WHY HE NEEDS A RAISE

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 27 (FP).—Charles (Chuck) Lamb, an electrical inspector at the Union Switch and Signal Co. in Swissville, Pa., thinks he's a lucky man today because his brother-in-law owns the 3-family apartment house in which the Lamb family lives.

Because of this "inside track," Lamb pays only \$35 a month for his rent and that includes all utilities.

But even then, Lamb said, "we have had to cut down on about everything we need."

Lamb is a divisional steward in

his shop's local of the CIO United Electrical Workers. He lives in suburban East Liberty, Pa. with his wife, Minnie, and a 3 year old son, Edward.

With a take-home of about \$45 a week on his basic rate of \$1.38 an hour, Lamb said, "there's very little outside entertainment for us. We see a picture show about once in four months. We used to take one in about once a month."

Suits that used to average \$30, now cost Chuck \$50, he said, and shoes are up from \$7 to around \$12 a pair. Shoes for the child have doubled from a previous \$2.50, and women's things "are sky high."

Despite the windfall in his rent, Lamb said, "we need that 'substantial wage increase' the unions are asking. We just got to get it."

Probe Conditions In Indiana Jail

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—Federal authorities said tonight they would ask for an investigation of conditions at the Marion County Jail, where a woman prisoner died and nine other inmates were reported ill after Christmas dinner was served in their cells.

The U. S. Marshal's office said federal inspections recently indicated an "unsanitary condition," involving the kitchen, existed at the jail.

Mrs. Future Dalton, 37, Indianapolis, died at the jail this morning. There was no indication as to the cause of death.

Dr. R. F. Buehl, health supervisor of federal prisoners in the jail, said he treated nine other prisoners for a stomach condition.

Judge Clears Scab Tracks

Special to the Daily Worker

PEORIA, ILL. Dec. 26.—Peoria is being made the scene of as vicious an attempt at strike breaking as has occurred in the history of labor.

The injunction handed down by U. S. District Judge J. LeRoy Adair in the interest of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad leaves nothing to chance.

The railway labor organizations are "hereby commanded, enjoined and restrained from: intimidating or attempting to intimidate by violence, force, assault, threat or coercion of any kind, any employee or officer of Defendant Railroad..."

That is a sample of the prohibitive language carried in the 12 clauses of the injunction. The exact number of pickets is specified—and the time they can change shifts. It is reported that pickets will wear pannies to keep from offending the railroad's scabs and thugs.

This injunction is the latest development in a five year struggle by George P. McNear, president of the road, to break the rail unions on the TP&W.

2 PICKETS SLAIN

With the road strikebound in March 1942, the government had to take over to secure application of standard railway working rules and wages in the interest of the war effort.

Upon return of the TP&W to McNear in September, 1945, the rail unions were again forced to strike because of McNear's hard-headed refusal to go along with conditions in effect during government operation.

McNear hired an army of guards and scabs who murderously fired upon and killed two rail pickets in February of this year.

The Federal court having now

come to his rescue, McNear has taken half-page ads in the Peoria papers to publicize the injunction and to carry a TP&W statement saying that since the order makes no reference to terms or conditions of employment, the TP&W offers to rehired former employees "whom we can utilize and who have not engaged in acts of violence."

The rail unions are preparing to appeal the case to higher courts and it is expected they will battle

McNear to the bitter end.

But at this time, when unity is so badly needed, the huge Caterpillar local of the CIO Farm Equipment Workers Union, which has rallied time after time in support of the TP&W strikers, is faced with a problem of its own. In apparent collusion with the company, the AFL Auto Workers Union is attempting to raid the "Cat" local. The raid is being aided and abetted by certain officers of the AFL Central Trades and Labor Assembly.

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NEW YORK

Housing Chief Out; Name Wagner, Jr.

By Michael Singer

In the presence of his father, Sen. Wagner, Robert Wagner, Jr., was sworn in yesterday at 1:30 p.m. by Mayor O'Dwyer to succeed N. Thomas Saxl, as Commissioner of Housing and Buildings. Saxl's resignation became effective at midnight last night. Morris C. Comar, Deputy Housing Commissioner, also resigned.

Wagner, who is 36, was a City Tax Commissioner at \$9,000 a year. His new post pays \$10,000.

The change was not unexpected. Both Saxl and Comar have been under fire since the disastrous ice-house fire and tenement collapse in Washington Heights this month. The tragedy took 37 lives.

Saxl told reporters his resignation was a result of "a difference of opinion" between the Mayor and himself. He denied it was because of Fire Commissioner Frank Quayle's report to District Attorney Hogan on the tenement collapse.

Quayle's report to the DA apparently charged the Housing Department with criminal negligence. There is unquestionably a feud on between the housing department and the fire department as a result of conflicting reports to the Mayor on the Washington Heights disaster.

Saxl's resignation comes one day after the removal of Peter V. Amoroso as Commissioner of Correction.

Amoroso resigned in the wake of allegations that Harvey Stemmer, Brooklyn gambler convicted for one year at Rikers Island penitentiary, had continued his book-making activities while an orderly at Bellevue Hospital where he had been transferred.

The background of the Saxl resignation is confusing. The Mayor told reporters he saw the "voluntary statement" of Saxl and Comar "on my desk when I came in this morning." Later, after swearing in young Wagner, he admitted he had informed the new commissioner of his appointment a week ago Friday.

He denied, however, that the removal of Saxl was linked with the Washington Heights disaster.

It is no secret, however, the Mayor was very angry at Housing Department officials for issuing sensational statements about the tenement house tragedy.

The disaster led to severe criticism

of Saxl. Widespread protests and demands for changes in the housing code, tightening of the inspection system, and shifts in department personnel have been heard in City Hall.

The Mayor admitted that Commissioner of Investigation William Murtagh has probed Saxl's department, but added: "That's been going on for more than a month."

Reporters fired questions at the Mayor in machine-gun order at his press conference:

Q—"Is Murtagh investigating other departments?"

O'Dwyer—"He has a blanket assignment to investigate. He has no specific assignment."

Murtagh is known to be investigating six other city departments.

Q—"Does the Amoroso resignation have anything to do with the Scottoriggio probe?"

O'Dwyer—"It does not."

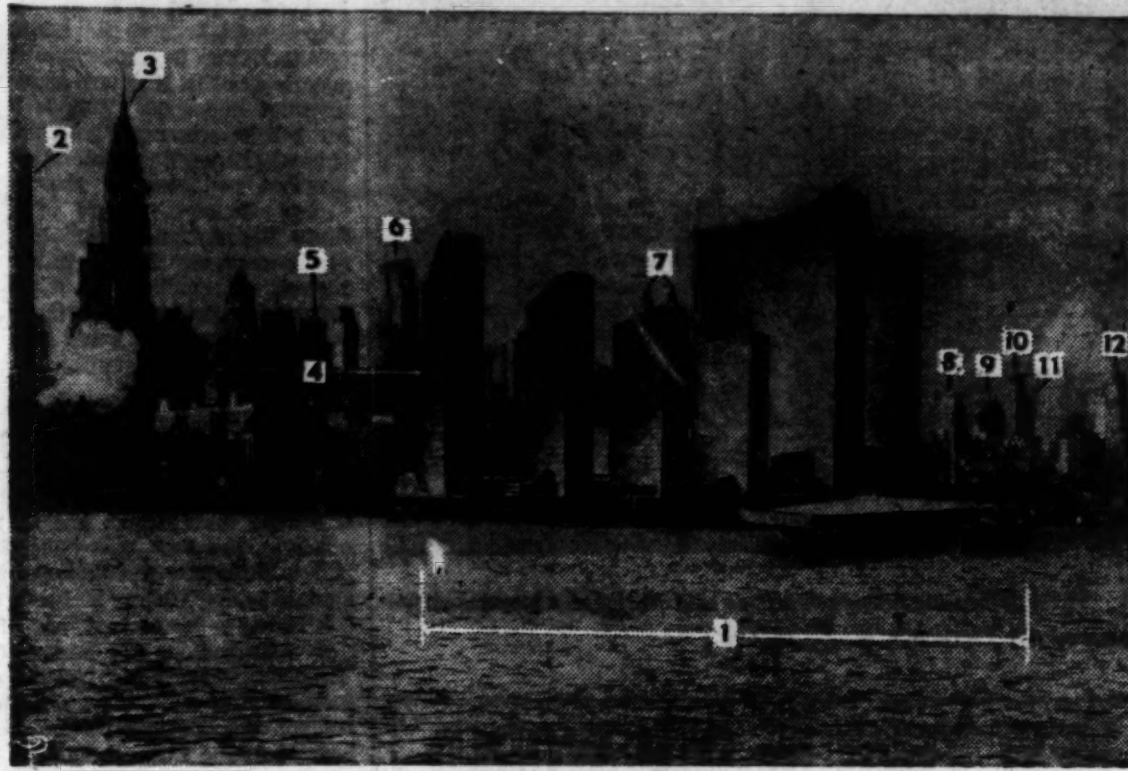
Q—"Is there anything to the report that a politician is connected with getting Harvey Stemmer the transfer to Bellevue Hospital from Rikers Island?"

O'Dwyer—"There is no evidence of that. Murtagh is still investigating."

Q—"Why do you protect Amoroso's pension rights (Amoroso was given a job in the Hospital Department to insure his pension privileges) if he was under fire?"

O'Dwyer—"That question assumes I had charges placed against Amoroso. I have not made any charges."

It was recalled that when he was sworn in last January O'Dwyer warned the city commissioners that they would be "held responsible" for their activities at the end of the year.



Changing N. Y. Skyline: In this composite photo is shown an architect's conception of how the United Nations permanent home will change the midtown skyline of Manhattan. Made possible by the \$8,500,000 gift of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., the new world capital will occupy an area between 42 and 48 Sts. on the East River. Buildings that furnish the mid-New York background for the vast enterprise are indicated by numbers, as follows: (2) the Consolidated Edison plant; (3) Chrysler Bldg.; (4) the span of Tudor City; (5) New York Central Bldg.; (6) the National Broadcasting Co.; (7) cupolas of Waldorf-Astoria towers; (8) Squibb Bldg.; (9) Savoy Plaza Hotel; (10) Fuller Bldg.; (11) Sherry Netherlands Hotel and Hotel Pierre (partially hidden), and (12) Ritz Towers Hotel. Brackets of (1) span the UN area. In foreground is the proposed aerodrome that will serve incoming and outgoing UN delegates.

2 Arrested for Helping Evicted Family in B'klyn

By John Hudson Jones

The eviction of Fred Daub, his wife Florence, and their eight-year-old daughter into the biting cold yesterday morning from their apartment at 350 Bedford Ave. aroused the entire community, and brought two emergency squads of police, a captain and representatives from the district attorney's office, and resulted in the arrest of two people.

The eviction, which took place at 10 a.m., began to bring hundreds of people into the street, as members of the Tenants' League of the Brooklyn American Labor Party began a street meeting in front of the building.

There was a concerted move to take the furniture back into the building, and the police present charged into the crowd. Phil Schinler, a veteran of the South Pacific, was struck in the head with a pot by a policeman. He was arrested along with Marion Drucker, a young woman present at the meeting. They were charged with third-degree assault by patrolmen Patrick Dougherty and Alfred Mangel.

The landlords, Dan and Rose Vasquez, charged in their dispossession order that Daub "created a nuisance" by using profane language. Daub told the Daily Worker, however, that he had only complained about the lack of heat and hot water. Once before Vasquez had given him a dispossession and had threatened his wife's life. Daub brought charges against him in the Municipal Court, and Vasquez agreed to stop the eviction if he dropped his disorderly conduct charges.

Several days later Mrs. Vasquez

started a fight with Mrs. Daub. This time the judge fined Vasquez \$25 for disorderly conduct. On one occasion after that Vasquez took the fuses from the Daub electric meter, and when Daub attempted to replace them, Vasquez locked him in the cellar.

Yesterday morning when a delegation from the ALP went to see Vasquez in his barber shop next door to the apartment house, he became abusive, brandished a razor and drove them into the street.

In the Williamsburg Magistrate's Court, Judge Francis X. Giaccone accused Schinler and Miss Drucker of "creating chaos" and "inciting to riot."

When Attorney George Fish attempted to plead for a lenient bail because of the vet's war record, Giaccone shouted, "He was fighting for the American way of life, not something alien to our ideals."

He set their bail at \$500 each. In the late afternoon the Daubs were still homeless, and were standing by their furniture. Everything was out, including a little Christmas tree that still had tinsel hanging from its broken branches. A pot of stewed peaches had frozen and several other items of food were being trampled under foot by bystanders and cops who were shoofing

them away.

Benny Sher, chairman of the ALP Tenant Group, said yesterday a leaflet was being issued calling the community to a mass meeting at the ALP headquarters, 402 Keap St., Sunday at 1 p.m.



"STATE OF EMERGENCY" declaration was announced by the Los Angeles AFL in its official paper, the Los Angeles Citizen. It called on its members to fight against a renewed employers' open shop and anti-union injunction drive.

MICHIGAN STEEL locals withdrew from the State CIO, charging interference by August Scholle, state council president. Assistant director of Steel District 29, embracing 55 locals, is Glenn Sigman, who was defeated by Scholle in the council presidential elections last month. Scholle was backed by the Reuther group.

NATION'S LONGEST major strike entered its second year the day after Christmas, with 3,500 UAW workers still out against the main J. I. Case plant in Racine, Wis. The company has defied WLB recommendations, NLRB citations for violations of the Wagner Act and two invitations to confer in Washington with Scholle.

LABOR BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES AFL CALLS STATE OF EMERGENCY

retary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach.

CIO OPERATION DIXIE has resulted in 291 NLRB election victories since the southern drive opened in May. Fifty-four elections were lost and 290 certification petitions are pending before the board.

UNITED LABOR GROUP in Jamestown, N. Y., appealed to central bodies of the AFL, CIO and railroad brotherhoods to join forces against reactionary attacks. The group, Labor's Legislative Conference of the 45th Congressional District, called for joint meetings on a city, state and national scale.

GOVERNMENT APPEAL is being prepared from a Federal Court decision which declared the Lea Act, the so-called anti-Petrillo bill, unconstitutional. The case will be carried to the Supreme Court. The Lea Act allows radio stations to freeze out musicians and artists regardless of union rules.



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Change the World

A Good New Year Resolution
Is: "Talk American, Pals!"

By Mike Gold

RALPH SHAW, A WAR VETERAN who fights fascism on the home front as state chairman of the Communist Party in Missouri, is one guy who knows how to learn from anyone—even from a columnist or a young student at Madison, Wis.

Comrade Ralph is "busier than an infantryman dodging through a cloud of machinegun bullets," he says in a recent letter to this column, "but still not too busy to comment on the article you wrote on the 'fuzzy words.'"

"You are a thousand times correct and it applies to guys like me especially. It made me look over an outline I had just prepared on our recent Plenum. I find that your criticism applies on several questions.



"DOES YOUR criticism hurt? It sure does. But one has to hurt a fellow sometimes for his own good. And this is another reason why we all must build the Daily Worker. Only the Communist Party and its press tells the workingclass what's wrong and how to correct it, even when it is our own mistakes. Keep up the good work!"

I never had the honor of meeting Comrade Ralph Shaw. But if I were a betting man, I'd lay a hundred to anything that he is one who performs ably whatever task the workingclass lays upon him.

He is capable of learning. He tries to improve himself, and to perfect his daily work.

I wish I could be that way all the time. Like most humanity, it's hard for me to accept criticism. I am terribly thin-skinned, for instance, when my wife criticizes me. But I rarely hesitate to point out her imperfections.

How many of us make marvelous critics, good at dishing it out; how few of us can take it, or learn from criticism, friendly or otherwise!

There must be some self-critical feeling abroad among American Communists that our language needs a strong dose of simplicity.

CERTAINLY, THE RESPONSE to the recent column on this theme was surprising.

I believe it is because the people sense the difficult period ahead for us all in shaky America.

Fascists and big business are

about ready to try to take over. The working people are the only effective barrier to a fascist America and atom-bomb war on the world.

We must reach the people, the workers. To warn them, to teach them to defend democracy. This is a job for plain speech, not for gobbledegook and cult jargon.

Yes, the need is felt by Communists. It is as if they were re-examining their tools of agitation and communication, and finding rust and neglect.

"MY BIG GRIPE and heartache is the word, Hegemony," writes Ruth Mooney of New York. "This four-syllable word seems a favorite with some of our speakers. They drag it in wherever possible. As I understand it, hegemony means the leadership of one nation over a group of other nations.

"But we use it in every other possible meaning, such as 'hegemony in a progressive coalition,' or 'hegemony of the white race.' Some of us pronounce it 'hedge-a-mony,' and some 'heege-a-mony.' According to my Webster, the preferred pronunciation is 'hedge-EMmony.' But you are allowed to use the other two pronunciations, or even the British, 'HEGGA-mony,' if you care. But why should anyone do this, when it is simpler to use the word, 'leadership' a word everyone can understand?"

Resolutions for the New Year:

1. Let us write, speak and spread the ideas of Marxist Communism in a language that the American people will most readily understand.

2. Let's sweat and worry over this matter of style. It is a political problem, not a mere technical one.

3. It is not a vulgarization of Marxism to be simple and direct, since Lenin, Stalin, Dmitroff, Thorez, Cachin, Prestes, and other great Communists have been able to combine popular style with a profound and effective Marxist science.

We cannot be pedants or academics, but must ever be the voice of the people, out of whom has never come pedantry, but the folk-song, the living poetry of slang, the style of a Mark Twain and Robert Burns.



Puts His Two Scents In: This homeless little pooch was found to have two noses when picked up in Chicago streets by the Animal Shelter Society. He must have a tough time trying to follow both noses at the same time but look at the advantage he has over his fellow pole sniffers.

PESTBROOK WIGLER, ROVING REPORTER



"The defense is introducing it as evidence of the humane treatment of the Negroes in the South."

NEW YEAR IN OLD WORLD

- The Change in the Last Period
- History Is on the Side of Progress

By James S. Allen

IT IS THE PLEASANT custom to wish our friends a happy New Year in the personal sense, and in this I join. But since with most of us personal happiness is so woven into broader events, I cannot help but turn to the state of the world.

Excuse me if this time I do not treat of this or that separate event. As you know, I do not attempt to avoid them, as unpleasant as they may be. Please permit me, for once, to generalize.

As a Communist should be, I am an inveterate optimist, not in the sense of seeing brightness where there may only be darkness, but in the sense of knowing that history is on our side.

Of course we help make history, so the term cannot be used in an offish and impersonal way. Nor do I mean to obscure our present shortcomings and current dangers by appealing to the socialist future.

HISTORY IS WITH US because in actual fact the world is turning from capitalism to socialism. As compared with the great leap of 1917 and the subsequent achievements of socialism in the Soviet Union, at first glance the world may seem to be in no hurry. The world as a whole cannot be expected to jump like a well-trained track team from the realm of necessity into the realm of freedom.

It took the bourgeoisie in Europe and America a number of centuries to travel from feudalism to capitalism, from one kingdom of necessity into another only less enslaved. In most of the colonial and semi-dependent world the bourgeoisie will never complete the journey, having already turned into the by-paths. Other, more dynamic classes, with a new sense of history, will know how to telescope a number of stages. The New Democracy of Eastern Europe, and still another form of it in Communist-led sections of China, indicate how.

And in countries like France and Italy, and perhaps also Britain which somehow has been unable to impart a sense of gradualism to its colonies, the jump to socialism is being well prepared.

TAKING THE HISTORIC VIEW, the transition to socialism as compared to the turn from feudalism to capitalism, is as the speed of the jet-propelled plane to Wright's first flying contraption.

In less than three decades socialism has become a world

power. Socialism was so well grounded in this brief space of time, that the Soviet Union emerged gloriously victorious from an attack relatively more powerful than the assault upon revolutionary France after 1789, which led to her defeat and subsequent relapses.

Capitalism also remains a world power, although it has been grievously battered and weakened perhaps beyond recovery in Europe, including Germany. Britain's position is so precarious that it must pretend to be socialist to survive as an imperialist power.

SO WORLD CAPITALISM finds its great anchorage today in the United States, just as previously it had found it in Britain. At the moment it assumes an energetic and aggressive mien, and there is also much power to back it. But the world orbit of capitalism is receding, not advancing.

Ups and downs, turns and twists, surprises and disasters, are part of the rich variety of living history. So is the constant pull and tug of progress, of the forces that make progress.

It is not given that even the last major capitalist power shall have its way with its people and the world.

So here's a Happy and Fruitful New Year to you, my readers, who enjoy the smell of battle and know how to make history.

WORTH REPEATING

Karl Marx shows that under capitalism the richer a country the greater is the poverty of its people: "The greater the social wealth, the functioning capital, the extent and energy of its growth, and, therefore also the absolute mass of the proletariat and the productiveness of its labor, the greater is the industrial reserve army (unemployed). The same causes which develop the expansive power of capital, develop also the labor power at its disposal. The relative mass of the industrial reserve army increases therefore with the potential energy of wealth. But the greater this reserve army in proportion to the active labor army, the greater is the mass of a consolidated surplus population, whose misery is in reverse ratio to its torment of labor. The more extensive, finally, the Lazarus layers of the working class, and the industrial reserve army, the greater is official pauperism. This is the absolute general law of capitalist accumulation." Capital, Vol. 1, P. 707, Charles H. Kerr & Co.

— Press Roundup —

Telly Is Stuck With Dairen Fairy Tale

THE WORLD - TELEGRAM'S Parker La Moore assails the State Department because its account of the Dairen incident "does not square with Mr. Newton's account of what happened." This is the Mr. Newton who never got off the ship at Dairen, but wrote a story branded as false by the U.S. Consul General's report to the State Department. Scripps-Howard papers are frantic because, instead of conflict, peace may break out between Russia and America, Newton has his orders ... no peace at any price.

THE POST plays up Newton's falsification the same way Hearst and Scripps-Howard do. The only difference is that the Post plays it heavier than Hearst, and that, officially, the Post is a "liberal" paper. Editorially the Post warns against taking Chiang Kai-shek's conversion to "democracy" via his new constitution too seriously: "Stubborn Kuomintang resistance to modifying one-party rule was behind the Democratic League boycott of the Constitutional Assembly. The Kuomintang had, once more, backed out of a Marshall-sponsored compromise to form a coalition government before the Constitutional Assembly was called. Now the Kuomintang has indicated that it intends to keep full control of the government in the interim before next Christmas, when the constitution goes into effect.

THE HERALD TRIBUNE also cautions that "democracy cannot be achieved in China or Japan or elsewhere in Asia or anywhere in the world—including the State of Mississippi — without something beyond written words." But it still hopes that Chiang will be the man to bring democracy to China. Staunchly Republican, the Trib advises Wallace, Elliott Roosevelt and other liberals to equip themselves with ideals other than those of FDR if they are to be an effective force. After all, Bricker is an "effective force" in the country today and he doesn't hanker for Roosevelt ideals.

THE NEWS notes what a burden colonial empires have become what with colonial struggles for freedom.

THE DAILY MIRROR says under the Roosevelt New Deal Democrats took communism to their bosom. But now it hopes that Democrats will adopt Rankin's and Bilbo's ideas about Communists.

THE TIMES says the only hope for atomic agreement is to agree with Baruch. It even chides the Canadians for differing in a few respects with Baruch. Nor is the Times satisfied with the lack of conflict about Dairen. It suggests that the State Department tell the Russians to get out of Dairen despite their 1945 agreement with China.

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The "Red Plot" Racket

THE "Communist plot" racket is beginning to pick up. In fact, there is a law of modern history which can be stated as follows:

That, as the labor movement prepares to resist being shoved down to semi-starvation wages, the discovery of "red plots" begins to increase rapidly.

The discovery of a "red plot" is the classic answer of the employers to any movement by the people to improve their lives. They see democracy itself as a "red plot."

But just as there are jealousies and rivalries among ordinary, decent human beings so there are rivalries among "red plot" salesmen.

That is why the latest revelation of a "red plot" among the trade unions of the USA, as revealed breathlessly two days ago by the politically illiterate counsel of the House Un-American Committee, has riled up a trade quarrel.

The Republican member on the Rankin Committee, Rep. Parnell Thomas of New Jersey, has roared that the release of the discovery that recent strikes in the USA are part of a plot "to overthrow the gov'ment" is an "outrage."

Rep. Thomas is no mean slouch himself in discovering "red plots." His anger has two aspects to it.

One, the personal irritation of a rival who sees someone else hog the spotlight with the same act.

And, secondly, there is probably a growing feeling that the "red plot" goods sold by the Rankin-Dies outfits are somewhat too crude to be swallowed by decent Americans. When you tell the AFL and CIO members their wage demands to pay grocery bills is a "revolutionary plot," the crude technique begins to give the show away.

This may explain not only Rep. Thomas' wrath at having his act stolen; it may also explain the astounding, but not surprising, appeal in the Socialist New Leader last week. This sheet, whose main aim is to get hired by American capitalism to do to the USA what the German Social Democratic leaders did to Germany, writes hopefully:

"... there is a fresh breeze blowing from the Republican side of the House... some of the GOP leaders of the new Congress take a different view from that which prevailed during the Democratic administration... important GOP leaders realize that dealing with the Communist problem is a job for qualified experts... There will be an effort to rehabilitate the House Committee on Un-American Affairs... to replace them with experts... progressive and labor people will be offered the opportunity to do the job themselves."

The New Leader "Socialists" are looking for the job!

They offer an alliance with the GOP gang—they'll provide the "expert" anti-communism under the guidance of Taft, Vandenberg and the Col. McCormick gang of the GOP.

Warning to decent Americans, therefore: A new slicked-up "red-baiting" is on the way. But its aims will be no different from that of Dies and Rankin.

Memo to New Housing Chief

WE DON'T know all the facts behind the firing of Housing Commissioner Saxl by Mayor O'Dwyer. We assume it has something to do with the tragic disaster in Washington Heights a few weeks ago.

The disaster revealed that the Housing Department was pitifully insufficient for the job it had to do.

The switch in housing commissioners may or may not be a step in the direction of overcoming this lack. But whether it is or not, it is certainly not enough.

If future disasters are to be avoided, the inspection forces of the department have to be greatly increased, its operation tightened up with graft and corruption eliminated, the causes of the disaster and the laws governing buildings and repairs thoroughly investigated and overhauled, as provided in a resolution now before the City Council.

Above all, the public housing program needs to be greatly expanded.

BIPARTISAN



Letters From Our Readers

Suggests Discussion
In Letter Column

Newark, N. J.

Editor, Daily Worker:

William Z. Foster's article dealing with the role of the Communist Party in relation to the problems that face the American working class today was excellent.

How do we generate a spirit, that in its militancy and consciousness of purpose, would attract large sections of people to have confidence in our program. Shall we, as Lenin taught, "go deeper among the masses" in order to offset the demoralizing influence of opportunist Social Democrats?

This is a question that should be discussed in the letters column of the Daily Worker. We should discuss our work, especially method and style of work and many other phases of our political activity so that we can find our shortcomings and quickly overcome them.

As Comrade Zhdanov says in the article published in the December issue of Political Affairs:

"Only bold and open criticism helps our people to improve themselves, rouse them to march ahead, to overcome shortcomings in their work. Where there is no criticism, staleness and stagnation take root and there is no room to move ahead."

A. SEMPER.

Thinks 'Broadway Beat'
Beats 'Em All

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

I think "Broadway Beat" is the best thing that has hit the paper in a long while. Keep up the good work.

J. R.

Recalls Death of
Young Poet

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Two years ago, Dec. 29, 1944, Seymour Keidan was killed fighting fascism.

This young man was a poet of great promise and in the short span of his life created a number of very fine poems—several of which the Daily Worker published.

His memory should be an inspiration to young writers.

BETTY C.

Let's Face It

DEWEY IN JANUARY

by Max Gordon

IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS, the ancient town of Albany will again crackle and hum, the liquor will flow even more freely than usual, and the air waves from the State Capitol will temper the icy winds blowing up from the majestic Hudson.

To be exact, the State Legislature will get going for its 1947 session on Jan. 8. On that day, G o v. Dewey will lay down the line for his boys, who control the nation's second most important legislative body, in his annual message.

The rest of the country will keep its eye on what the boys in Albany do for the next three months or so for two reasons. First, New York generally gives the lead on state legislative issues, at least the powerful labor movement does. Second, Dewey is now up front among entries in the Republican Presidential sweepstakes and the legislative lap may decide whether or not he remains there.

You can be sure that every move Dewey makes will be precisely figured for its effect on his Presidential chances. That, and that alone, will be his test for every action, and the people of New York be damned.

HIS NEXT BIG hurdle is the GOP nomination, and the ones who do the picking are the Hooverites in control of the national Republican organization. So the Governor's chief aim will be to convince them he is a good boy and won't do anything that even Herbie would consider radical.

But since he's operating in the great progressive state of New York, he won't be likely to do too much in the outright reactionary line either, just what he can properly cover with an acceptable sugar-coating.

Chances are he will try to get the Legislature to jam through the routine business in as quick and painless a manner as possible, and then to hurry home. He will want economy, and has already said he will oppose any move to let up on the 25 percent business tax cut and the 50 percent income tax cut he put through for the big boys last year. Outside of that, the less done the better from his angle.

That's the way he operated in 1943 and 1944, when he also had

his eye on the Presidential nomination.

In 1945 and 1946, when the next big tussle he faced was with the progressive electorate of New York, he let some things that looked good on the record go through even though they displeased some of the Republican crowd.

THERE IS SOME qualification to the general idea this year. Dewey's big opposition at the moment is Sen. Robert A. Taft, who is the favorite of the Hoover mob. Dewey will have to play for some sections of the GOP who are not of the smoke-filled-room crowd, which means he may modify his tactics somewhat.

There is the danger, too, that the hide-bound Tories who make up a good part of his GOP legislative bloc may run away with the show. Stronger than they were during Dewey's first term because of the heavier GOP majority, they may insist upon putting through tougher measures directed against labor and other progressive movements than Dewey may consider politic. If so, he may find it wise to go along.

In any case, New York's labor movement cannot afford to harbor any illusions about Dewey's "liberalism." Both because of the greater pressures of reaction and because of his own anxiety to impress the big boys who run the GOP show, it will have to be ready both for defensive and offensive battles.

THE OFFENSIVE issues center on those things that bother the people most, like a really effective state rent control; large-scale public housing; more money for education; a war-to-the-end against discrimination in jobs, housing and education; and liberalized vet benefits.

They include specific labor demands like sickness compensation or health insurance; increases in unemployment insurance and workmen's compensation payments to make up for higher living costs; a wage-and-hour law with a 75c minimum.

Labor will also have to go to bat for other sections of the population, like the working farmers who have a whole series of demands that none but the progressives will slug it out for.

Tobacco Union Reports Victories

Special to the Daily Worker

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Dec. 27.—A militant conference of 150 delegates from 25 tobacco leaf houses organized by the CIO Food and Tobacco Workers demonstrated the great changes occurring among Negro workers as a result of the organizing drive now taking place. The meeting took place in Wilson, N. C., Dec. 15.

Contracts have been signed, unemployment compensation has been won for laid-off workers and fired union leaders have been put back to work, delegates to the conference reported.

During the summer NLRB elections were won covering 10,000 leaf house workers. The 25 plants have been organized into Local 10, FTA (CIO). Robert Lathan, Negro tobacco worker from Winston-Salem, who played an outstanding role in the drive, is chairman of the joint board of the new local.

It has been difficult to get contracts because by the time the union won recognition the leaf house season was almost over. However, the militancy of the workers has resulted in 15 contracts or stipulations generally raising the pay 10c an hour.

In some plants union leaders have been fired, but delegates at the conference explained how to take care of that. Emma Bynum, of Rocky Mount, N. C., gave a graphic example.

"I was not even a steward," she said, "but when I saw the leaders on the street, I got a committee together and we went in and told the boss a thing or two." The union leaders were put back to work.

Leaf house workers in this area have always been denied their unemployment compensation during the off season and forced to work long hours for low pay in domestic service. This year the story is already different.

A delegate from Greenville, N. C., told the conference that workers who wore their CIO buttons were being signed up for unemployment compensation without question.

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TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 27.—Gov. Walter Edge refused today to seize two struck plants of the Public Service Electric and Gas Co. serving metropolitan Newark. At the same time, however, he threatened to call a special session of the New Jersey legislature to enact a law banning utility strikes.

The strike was called by the International Chemical Workers Union late last night to support demands for higher wages at the Newark and Harrison plants. A few hours earlier walkouts by maintenance workers were settled in similar plants of the company at Jersey City and New Brunswick.

Edge told the company and union to follow the pattern set in the earlier dispute in reaching a settlement of the new strike. He refused to sign an order on his desk for state seizure of the plants, an action he had taken in the Jersey City and New Brunswick strikes.

However, Edge said he would ask the New Jersey legislature to put

more teeth into the 1946 law designed to outlaw utility strikes. If the present situation got bad enough, he said, he would call a special session of the legislature for that purpose.

Under the present law, the state may seize and operate struck plants. Penalties against striking workers are limited to loss of seniority and other minor punishments.

The Harrison plant affected by the new walkout is the largest of the Public Service Company's eight plants which supply gas to New Jersey. It is the source of gas for thousands of homes and plants in the thickly-populated, highly-industrialized Newark metropolitan area.

The strike began at 11 p.m. last night as a cold wave swept across the city. Workers left their jobs and set up picket lines both at Harrison and at a smaller plant in Newark.



PLUCKED FROM AN ICE FLOE: A survivor of the Quebec Airways plane which crashed on an ice floe in the St. Lawrence River, J. Duncan Ryan arrives at the Montreal Airport. There were seven men aboard the plane when it crashed.

High Living Costs Lop \$1 Billion from Savings

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—Individual savings in the U.S. slumped \$1,000,000,000 from the second to the third quarter of 1946, according to a survey issued here by the Securities & Exchange Commission.

This contrasted with a normal seasonal rise for the period, the SEC pointed out.

The commission's analysis revealed that total savings amounted to \$4,300,000,000 in the third quarter as compared to \$5,300,000,000 in the preceding period. This reflected "the increase in consumer expenditures which more than offset the increase in income after payment of taxes," the bulletin said.

At the same time people increased their mortgage debts by \$900,000,000, other consumer indebtedness by \$500,000,000 and reduced their holdings in non-government securities by \$500,000,000. Some

\$200,000,000 worth of Series E government savings bonds—the series held by the average small-income person—were cashed in, and holdings of currency dropped \$100,000,000 compared with an increase of \$500,000,000 in the second quarter.

Herald-Tribune Hikes Its Price

The New York Herald Tribune announced yesterday it would raise its price from three to five cents on weekdays and from 10 to 15 cents on Sunday beginning Dec. 30.

Ulcer Deaths Rising in U. S.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—An estimated 1,500,000 persons in the United States develop peptic ulcers during any 10 year period, a prominent physiologist said today.

Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, executive vice president of the Professional Schools of the University of Illinois in Chicago, said that from five to 12 percent of the population become afflicted with ulcers during a modern lifetime.

Writing in the Journal of the American Medical Association, Ivy said "Not all may consult a physician because of the mild character of their symptoms."

He said stomach ulcers, known properly as peptic ulcers, rank tenth among chronic diseases as a cause of death and twelfth as cause of days lost from work. The death rate per 100,000 in the U. S. from peptic ulcer has increased from 2.7 in 1900 to 6.8 in 1943.

The death rate in men for both gastric and duodenal ulcer has increased since 1920, whereas that for women has decreased, he said.

Ninety percent of the cases of peptic ulcer are first diagnosed after the age of 20, he said, and more people die from gastric than from duodenal ulcers.

Legion Leaders Hit For Scuttling Housing

At its last regular meeting of 1946, held Dec. 24 at the Hotel Riverside Plaza, the Duncan-Paris Post of the American Legion, founded by former writers of Yank and Stars and Stripes, unanimously went on record condemning the leadership of the American Legion for its part in scuttling the Veterans Emergency Housing Act.

Condolences

To Sophie Adler—We mourn with you and your family the loss of your beloved husband, HARRY ADLER—Executive and Members Upper Claremont Club, CP.

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We express our deepest sorrow at the untimely death of one of our most devoted comrades, DAVE WEINER, who passed away suddenly, Saturday, December 21. He has been active in the progressive movement for many years. He will be missed by all of us. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to his wife and children—Clothing Workers Press Comm.

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In this corner

Can Sports Be Honest
Under Capitalism?

By Bill Mardo

MIKE GOLD, the villain, has my buddy Les Rodney in a stew. Mike said the other day: "There can never be honest sports under capitalism. . . ." The man who co-edits this page with me fired back thusly: "Certainly the commercialized spectacle around these games represents capitalism in action but they (ed. note: the athletes) can't PLAY the game with dollar bills. . . . They're honest and they're good to watch."

Deal me in fellas, you've got a third hand in this debate. Firstly, I think Rodney misinterpreted Mike Gold's column on the recent grid scandal. Mike said quite plainly: "Football players, like prize fighters and other athletes, are the chief victims of capitalist corruption that pervades sports under capitalism." In other words, Mike clearly separated the athletes from the big business operators and shady elements who infest the sports world. Rodney, on the other hand, seemed to put blinkers over his eyes to ward off the essence of what Mike was saying, and instead drew from it the inference that the athletes themselves had been put on the carpet by brother Gold.

I can understand Rodney's blind-spot, however, because it stems from essentially a correct approach. Namely that a gush of sickening cynicism about ALL athletes and ALL sports contests seems to flood the market whenever news of an attempted basketball or football "fix" makes the headlines. And it's a dangerous way for folks to feel. Because considering the raw deal athletes get from the promoters—be it the professional entrepreneur or the highly righteous college moguls of the "amateur" scene, considering how little the average athlete reaps compared to the take at the box-office, considering the constant pressure put on them by the gamblers to "wise up," throw a game and make a pretty penny for themselves, yes, remembering all this, the scandals that have hit the sports world have been infinitesimally few over the long, long years of athletic competition.

That's the truest barometer of the basic honesty of the kids and men who play sports. And Mike Gold certainly agrees with me on this point. When Mike called sports under capitalism a "racket" he undoubtedly meant the men who rule the sports scene are little better than racketeers in the manner in which they milk the athletes and prevent them from earning a wage commensurate with the vast fortunes they help build for the colleges, "amateur" athletic associations, pro clubowners, promoters, and what have you.

Surely nobody was shocked silly when the pro tennis player, Frankie Kovacs, revealed that the top-notch amateur netters were getting paid to appear at the various big tennis tournaments that hit Southampton, Forest Hills, etc. every year. And surely nobody was disillusioned enough to want to smoke the gas-pipe when Gunder Haag said the same thing concerning the "amateur" track stars. And by now even the starry-eyed seven-year-old reader of the sports pages knows that many a Saturday hero on the college grid is a working-class kid who was simply told he could have room and board and even attend some classes if he cared to, if only he would ply his football talents for dear old Winsaki. And so it goes.

And the aforementioned tennis star, or runner or griddier does, I assure you, give it the best he's got and still takes a rooking because whatever he earns is peanuts compared to the money going to the cultured and tea-sipping racketeers of amateur sports. Remember, too, that many an amateur athlete doesn't even get those "peanuts" because he just happens to be a guy who made the first or second team purely by dint of his ability and without any high-pressure salesmanship by college scouts.

So in that sense, with BIG BUSINESS running things and taking the cream off the top, sports is dishonest under capitalism. Under capitalism in this country, that is. For there are some countries in Europe, still operating under a controlled capitalist economy, (France, to name one), where there's a far healthier approach toward sports and frank and honest discussion about subsidization of athletes. But let's not get off on a different tack, eh?

Let's look at pro sports. How honest can it be when a baseball player is bound hand and foot to a contract that doesn't even make him master of his own fate? How honest can it be when years after Abner Doubleday dreamed up the game, the men who work at it are still denied a pension plan to guarantee them some security after their playing days are done with? How honest can it be when it took until 1946 to get a handful of Negroes into organized baseball? How honest can it be when it took the threat of a Mexican baseball promoter and a growing union drive to give the average professional baseball player in America a talking point for a decent wage only one-millionth in proportion to what the clubowners made during one of the biggest box-office bonanza years the great pastime has ever known?

That, friends, is how I interpret this question of "honesty" in sports under capitalism. My good friend Rodney doesn't have to beat anyone over the head, not me anyway, to remind us that the kids on the CCNY basketball team, the Illinois football squad, or on the Dodgers and Yankees, play for everything they're worth and outnumber a million-to-one any athlete who does yield to the constant pressure of the gamblers to throw one or take a dive.

The ATHLETES, the greatest bulk of them, are clearly honest. But the hypocrisy of "amateur" sports, the avaricious money-suckers who build fortunes from the efforts of low-paid athletes, the gambling syndicates and their ilk who have an "in" with the pro sports rulers, etc. . . all this, I insist, is what prevents the sports scene under capitalism—NOT the games or the athletes—from being honest in the broad sense of the word.

Now puh-lease. Don't let this essay lessen in any way your love for sports. A far more positive approach to this whole question is to help build a people's sports movement in America. Sports for the workers, for the union guys and gals, a sports movement that steers away from the unhealthy sight of a monopolized spectator sports life in this country—toward, instead, the kind of sports the young Labor Sports Federation stands for. It would be good also, to see a strong movement for the outright and honest subsidization of all amateur athletes—plus a serious understanding of the need to bring the trade union organizing drive into the professional world of sports.

Finis.

City Out to Rope Cowboys And Stay Unbeaten Tonight

Don't look now, friends, but City College is the only unbeaten crew of cagers in town. And Nat Holman's speedy lads put their skein of seven straight on the line tonight against Wyoming in the opener of another Garden twinbill which pits St. John's against the University of Utah in the finale.



Stan Musial (left) is the National League's batting champ for the third time in his career, the official NL statistics revealed yesterday, much to nobody's surprise. Musial's clubbing to the tune of .365 put him far and away ahead of any other challengers.

As the talented first sacker from Donora, Pa., already had monopolized the averages by leading in runs, hits, singles, doubles and triples among others, it was not difficult to understand why he was named the Most Valuable Player in the League. The mystery of one committee member placing him ninth was still unsolved.

THIRD CROWN FOR MUSIAL

Enos Slaughter's 130 runs batted in told a large share of the Cards' success story, reflecting the real importance of his .300 batting mark. The hustling slugger, who electrified the crowd with his dash from first to home on Harry Walker's double in the last World Series game, kept the Birds in the race with his timely basehits. His slugging average was .465, fourth among the regulars behind Musial, Johnny Mize of New York, .578, and Del Ennis of the Phillies, .485.

Dixie Walker of Brooklyn, who won the RBI championship a year ago, was second with 116 and Musial had 103, good for third place.

WE PICK:

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up for tonight's shindig with Joe Lapchick's lads.

City is seeking its fifth straight Garden triumph. The Beavers have defeated Idaho, Montana State, Westminster and Bowling Green there. The speedy Lavenders averaged 68.3 for those first seven victories with individual scoring well distributed. Sid Trubowitz, the leader with 67 points, is only seven in front of Lionel Malamed, fourth ranking. Irv Dambrot, the big, promising freshman from Taft High, is runner-up with 64 and Hilly Shapiro is third with 63.

Wyoming, which won the Big Seven crown last winter, lost Kenny Sailors, Milo Komenich and Jim Weir, but the Cowboys have seven lettermen in uniform. Back from the 1943 NCAA championship squad are Jimmie Reese, a ball handler of the Sailors type; Floyd Volker, 6-5 guard; Lou Roney, 6-3 guard, and Jim Collins, 6-1 guard.

The Wyoming center is Mike Todorovich, 6-6 transfer student from Notre Dame, who played in the Garden against NYU several years ago. Mack Peyton, a starting forward, played freshman basketball at Indiana University. The Laramie dribblers have height. Todorovich is 6-6, Volker 6-5, Collins 6-1, Peyton 5-11 and Reese the "shorty" at 5-9. Replacements include Bill Roberts, 6-10; Ray Reerink 6-5 and Lou Roney 6-3.

Among the Cowboys' victories this season were double victories over Montana State, Idaho and Washington State and a single decision over St. Mary's of California. Wyoming has won 5 of 6 Garden engagements.

Utah has back three members of its "Cinderella Five" of 1944. These are the talented Arnold Ferrin, Wat Misaka and Dick Smuin. Misaka, however, did not accompany the team here because of a heavy scholastic schedule. Returned from last season are Vern Gardner, Lee Watson and Lyman Clark, all regulars. Gardner, 6-4 center, was a freshman sensation last season, shooting equally well with either hand out of the pivot.

The Utes are tall. Gardner, Ferrin and Smuin are each 6-4; Clark 6-1 and Watson 5-11. A late addition who may see much action against St. John's tonight is Marvin Hess, a Marine veteran. Hess recently joined the squad. He's 6-0. Utah in its first four games beat Idaho Southern and Montana State and lost to Washington State and the University of San Francisco.

The 'Daily' Roundup

Ted Schroeder Is New Cinderella Boy

Ted Schroeder is the big name in tennis today. If ever there was a story-book touch to the Davis Cup tennis tournaments surely it was provided the past few days when the U. S. netters swept the Australian team right off the court and brought the Davis Cup back to the U.S.

Schroeder had made the trip to Melbourne with the prospect of only seeing service in the doubles competition—but he looked so good in practice play that he got both the singles and doubles bid over Frankie Parker. Then the kid really went to town. First off, he licked the favored John Bromwich in the singles match on opening day, while Jack Kramer took Dinny Pails into camp. Then Ted teamed up with Kramer against the Aussie doubles team of Adrian Quist and Bromwich. With Kramer off his game and slightly hampered with a bad leg to boot, Schroeder, the new Cinderella Boy of tennis, carried his partner along, handled the brunt of play and was the decisive factor in whipping Quist and Bromwich in straight sets.

Kramer was the first to pay his partner due praise: "I've played with a lot of tennis players in my time," said Kramer in Melbourne following the sweep, "but I've never seen a player come up in the clutches like Ted did."

HOWARD CANN, the none-too-astute mentor of NYU's basketball team, is popping off again with the claim that Sid Tannenbaum and Don Forman have not been co-operating with returnee Ray Lump. What truth there is to this charge, we don't know, but the fact is Lump was fed galore by Tannenbaum as the Violets scored their decisive 70-59 win over Colorado Thursday night at the Garden. Lump netted 18 points and looked more like his old self than at any other time this season. The Violets

had far too much class for Colorado . . . even with Tannenbaum taking a play-setting role rather than teeing off on the cords with his dead-eye.

Dickie Holub of LIU sparked the Blackbirds to their 56-50 win over Oregon State—but the Bee boys had quite a scare in the second half as the invaders almost voided LIU's big halftime lead.

UCLA hoopsters looked plenty good taking Wyoming into town 54-41 at Buffalo Thursday night . . . and NYU figures to have a real battle on its hands Monday night when the Coast crew comes into the Garden. LIU tangles with Southern California in the other half of the big twinbill.

THE WASHINGTON CAPITOLS, eastern division leaders in the Basketball Association of America, are rolling right along. Their win over Providence the other night was their 15th straight.

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Neighborhood Movie Guide

(Selected List)

MANHATTAN

Blithe Spirit: BEVERLY, 3d Ave. & 50th St., Sat.; GRANADA, 72d St. & 2d Ave., Sun.-Tues.; TERRACE, 23d St. near London Terrace, Sun.-Wed.; SAVOY, 34th St. & B'way, Sun.-Wed.; CARLTON, B'way & 99th St., Tues.-Thurs.; HEIGHTS, Wadsworth & 181st St., Sun.-Wed.

Brothers Karamazov and Crime and Punishment: THALIA, 95th St. & B'way, Tues.-Thurs.

Charlie Chaplin Festival and Room Service: LYRIC, 42d St. & B'way, Sat.-Sun. Claudia and David: 34th St. DELUXE, near 3d Ave. Thurs.-Sat.; PLAZA, 58th St. & Madison Ave., Sat.; YORK, 1st Ave. & 64th St., Tues.-Wed.; SAVOY, 34th St. & B'way, Sat.; TIVOLI, 8th Ave. & 50th St., Sat.; ARDEN, Columbus Ave. at 103d St., Wed.-Fri.; COLUMBIA, Amsterdam Ave. & 124th St., Sat.; UPTOWN, B'way at 170th St., Sat.-Mon.; GEM, 181st St. & St. Nicholas Ave., Sat.-Tues.

Conflict: PIX, 42d St. & B'way, Thurs.-Sat.

Corn is Green: DORSET, B'way at 147th St., Mon.-Tues.

Fallen Sparrow: EMPRESS, 181st St. & Audubon Ave. Sat.-Sun.

Holiday in Mexico: ARCADIA, 3d Ave. & 50th St., Sat.-Sun.; TOWN, 55th St. & 9th Ave., Sat.; HEIGHTS, Wadsworth Ave. & 181st St., Sat.

House on 92d Street: TIMES, 42d St. & 8th Ave. Begins Sat.

Jeannie and Thunder Rock: THALIA, 95th St. & B'way, Sat.-Mon.

Killers: 52d St. TRANSUX, at Lex Ave., Tues.-Fri.; YORK, 1st Ave. & 64th St., Sat.; COLONY, 2d Ave. & 79th St., Sat.-Mon.; 85th St. TRANSUX, at Madison Ave., Sat.-Mon.; Waverly Ave. of the Americas & 3d St., Sat.-Sun.; ELGIN, 8th Ave. & 19th St., Sun.-Mon.; TIVOLI, 8th Ave. & 50th St., Sun.-Tues.; BEACON, B'way at 74th St., Sat. Children's Show at Beacon at 11, 1 and 3, Sat.; RIVIERA, B'way at 97th St., Sat.-Sun.; DALE, 231st St. & B'way, Tues.-Sun.

Last Chance and Seventh Veil: CITY, 14th St. & 4th Ave., Sat.

Laura: ARCADIA, 3d Ave. & 50th St., Mon.-Tues.

Man of Aran: ALDEN, B'way at 67th St., Sun.-Mon.

Monieur Beaucare: CARLTON, B'way at 100th St., Sat.-Mon.

My Friend Flicka: ELGIN, 8th Ave. & 19th St., Wed.

Night in Casablanca: 52d St. TRANSUX, at Lex Ave., Sun.-Mon.; EDISON, B'way at 103d St., Sat.-Mon.

Notorious: NORMANDIE, 53d St. at Park Ave., Mon.-Tues.; SCHUYLER, Columbus Ave. & 84th St., Sat.-Mon.

Rebecca: BEVERLY, 3d Ave. & 50th St., Sun.-Thurs.; HEIGHTS, Wadsworth & 181st St., Thurs.-Sun.

Seventh Veil: 34th St. DELUXE, near 3d Ave., Wed.; EMPRESS, 181st St. & Audubon Ave., Mon.-Tues.

Sister Kenny: LOEW'S CANAL, Canal & Ludlow, Mon.-Tues.; LOEW'S 42d St. at Lex Ave., Sun.-Mon.; SAVOY, 34th St. & B'way, Thurs.-Sat.; 77th St. Theatre at B'way, Sat.-Mon.; YORKTOWN, B'way at 88th St., Sat.; LOEW'S DYCKMAN, 207th St. & Sherman Ave., Sat.-Sun.

Smoky: 34th St. DELUXE near 3d Ave., Sat.; WAVERLY, Ave. of the Americas & 3d St., Mon.-Wed.; ELGIN, 8th Ave. & 19th St., Thurs.-Fri.; ARDEN, Columbus Ave. at 103d St., Sat.-Mon.; HEIGHTS, Wadsworth Ave. & 181st St., Sun.-Wed.; ALPINE, Dyckman St. & B'way, Sat.-Mon.

Thirty-Nine Steps: BRYANT, 42d St. & B'way, Sat.-Mon.

Tomorrow the World: CITY, 14th St. & 4th Ave., Wed.-Thurs.

Turning Point: IRVING PLACE THEATRE, Sat.-Thurs.

Wonder Man: 68th St. Playhouse at 3d Ave., Mon.-Fri.

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Rebecca: CONCORSE, Tues.-Thurs.

Sister Kenny: VALENTINE, Sat.

Smoky: LOEW'S BOSTON ROAD, Thurs.-Sat.; SQUARE, Thurs.-Sat.

Two Years Before the Mast: LOEW'S GRAND, W. Fordham Rd. & Jerome Ave., Tues.-Sun.; LOEW'S AMERICAN, 1450 East Ave., Tues.-Sun.; LOEW'S POST ROAD, Boston Post Rd. & Cora Ave., Tues.-Sun.

Adventures of Tom Sawyer: NATIONAL, 720 Wash. Ave., Wed.-Thurs.

Blithe Spirit: MIDWOOD, Ave. J & E, Tues.-Wed.; RIALTO, Flatbush & Cortelyou, Tues.-Wed.

Buffalo Bill: PORTWAY, Ft. Hamilton Pkwy. & 68th St., Tues.

Charlie Chaplin Festival: TERMINAL, 4th Ave. & Dean, Sat.

Claudia and David: ST. GEORGE PLAYHOUSE, Pineapple & Fulton St., Sat.; TIVOLI, Fulton St. at Borough Hall, Sat.; CARROLL, Union Ave. & Crown St., Sat.-Sun.; ALBEMARLE, Flatbush and Albemarle Rd., Sat.-Mon.; BEVERLY, 111 Church Ave., Wed.-Thurs.; CLARIDGE, Ave. P & E, Sat.-Mon.; ELM, Ave. M & E, Sat.-Mon.; FARRAGUT, Flatbush Ave. & Farragut, Sun.-Mon.; LINDEN, Nostrand & Parkside Aves., Sat.-Mon.; MAYFAIR, Ave. U & Coney Island Ave., Sat.-Sun.; NOSTRAND, Nostrand Ave. & Kings Highway, Sat.-Sun.; TRIANGLE, Kings Highway & E. 12th St., Thurs.-Sun.

Cloak and Dagger: BELL CINEMA, Washington & E. Parkway, Thurs.-Sat.; AVENUE D, Ave. D & E, Sat.-Tues.; AVENUE U, Ave. U & E, Sun.-Tues.; COLLAGE, Flatbush & Parkside Aves., Tues.-Thurs.; RUGBY, Union & Church Aves., Sat.-Mon.; Dark Mirror: RKO ALBEE, Fulton St. & DeKalb Ave., Sat.-Mon.; RIDGEWOOD, 55-57 Myrtle Ave., Mon.-Tues.

Emperor Jones: ASTOR, Flatbush & Church Aves., Tues.-Wed.

Holiday in Mexico: SANDERS, 188 Prospect Park, Sat.-Mon.; NATIONAL, 720 Wash. Ave., Sat.; CONGRESS, St. John's & Buffalo, Mon.-Tues.; BEVERLY, 111 Church Ave., Sat.-Mon.; FARRAGUT, Flatbush Ave. & Farragut, Tues.-Wed.; NOSTRAND, Nostrand Ave. & Kings Highway, Mon.-Wed.; VOGUE, Coney Island Ave. & Ave. K, Sun.-Mon.

House on 92d Street: TIVOLI, Fulton St. at Borough Hall, Tues.-Wed.; ELM, Ave. M & E, Tues.-Wed.; OCEANA, Brighton Beach & Coney Island Ave., Mon.-Tues.; BERKSHIRE, 8th Ave. & 60th St., Wed.-Thurs.; HARBOR, 4th Ave. & 92d St., Wed.-Thurs.; PARK, 5th Ave. & 44th St., Tues.-Wed.; ST. GEORGE PLAYHOUSE, Sun.-Tues.; TERMINAL, Sat.-Sun.; TIVOLI, Sun.-Mon.; CARLTON, Sat.-Sun.; AVALON, Sat.-Mon.; MAYFAIR, Mon.-Wed.; MIDWOOD, Sat.-Mon.; PATIO, Sat.-Mon.; RIALTO, Sat.-Mon.; SHEPHERD, Thurs.-Sun.; TUXEDO, Wed.-Sun.; COLISEUM, Wed.-Thurs.; PORTWAY, Thurs.-Sat.; RKO SHORE ROAD, Sat.-Sun.; RIDGEWOOD, Sat.-Sun.

Laura: COLLEGE, Tues.-Wed.; LEADER, Sun.-Tues.; LINDEN, Tues.; QUENTIN, Wed.-Thurs.; VOGUE, Tues.-Thurs.; STANLEY, Sun.-Thurs.

Les Misérables: ATLANTIC PLAYHOUSE, Sat.-Thurs.

Monieur Beaucare: AVENUE U, Sat.; COLLEGE, Thurs.-Sat.; GRANADA, Sat.-Tues.; LINDEN, Wed.-Thurs.; PARKSIDE, Sat.-Mon.; TRIANGLE, Sat.-Sun.; SURF, Sat.; HARBOR, Sat.; EMPIRE, Sun.-Mon.

My Pal Trigger: RKO ORPHEUM, Sat.-Sun.; RKO PROSPECT, Sat.-Sun.; SAVOY, Sat.-Mon.; CONGRESS, Wed.-Mon.; RKO REPUBLIC, Sat.-Sun.; STADIUM, Sat.-Mon.; RKO KENMORE, Sat.-Mon.; KINGWAY, Sat.-Mon.

Night in Casablanca: LINCOLN, Sun.-Mon.; CROWN, Sun.-Tues.; ROGERS, Sun.-Tues.; KENT, Sat.; STANLEY, Wed.-Thurs.

Notorious: BELL CINEMA, Sat.; CROWN, Sat.; ROGERS, Sat.; ELTON, Thurs.-Sat.

Objective Burma: ROCKAWAY GEM, Thurs.-Fri.

Sister Kenny: ST. GEORGE PLAYHOUSE, Wed.-Sat.; CARLTON, Mon.-Wed.; CARROLL, Mon.-Wed.; LOEW'S WARWICK, Tues.-Wed.; ALBEMARLE, Thurs.-Sat.; CLARIDGE, Wed.-Thurs.; ELM, Thurs.-Sat.; FARRAGUT, Thurs.-Sat.; LEADER, Wed.-Sat.; MARINE, Tues.-Wed.; MAYFAIR, Thurs.-Sat.; NOSTRAND, Thurs.-Sat.; PATIO, Tues.-Wed.; OCEANA, Wed.-Sat.; MARBORO, Sat.-Sun.; LOEW'S BORO PARK, Sat.-Sun.; WALKER, Sat.-Sun.

Smoky: AVENUE D, Wed.-Fri.; AVENUE U, Wed.-Sat.; GRANADA, Wed.-Fri.; QUENTIN, Mon.-Tues.; RUGBY, Tues.-Thurs.

Thurs.; COLISEUM, Sat.-Mon.; PORTWAY, Sun.-Mon.; PARK, Wed.-Thurs.

Strange Love of Martha Ivers: BELL CINEMA, Tues.-Wed.

Two Years Before the Mast: LOEW'S MELBA, Tues.-Sat.; LOEW'S KAMEO, Tues.-Sat.; LOEW'S PITKIN, Sat.-Mon.; LOEW'S KINGS, Sat.-Mon.; LOEW'S CONEY ISLAND, Tues.-Sat.; LOEW'S ORIENTAL, Tues.-Sat.; LOEW'S 46th St., Tues.-Sat.; LOEW'S ALPINE, Tues.-Sat.; LOEW'S GATSBY, Tues.-Sat.; ROCKAWAY RKO COLUMBIA, Tues.-Sat.

Winter: Astor, Thurs.

QUEENS

Blithe Spirit: FLUSHING-UTOPIA, Wed.-Thurs.; FOREST HILLS-TRYLON, Sat.

Claudia and David: ASTORIA-BROADWAY, Tues.-Fri.; ASTORIA-GRAND, Sun.-Tues.; CORONA, Sat.; FLUSHING-ROOSEVELT, Tues.-Thurs.; FOREST HILLS, Mon.; JACKSON HEIGHTS-BOULEVARD, Sat.; JAMAICA, Sat.; QUEENS VILLAGE COMMUNITY, Sat.-Mon.; WOODSIDE-SUNNYSIDE, Sat.-Mon.

Cloak and Dagger: BAYSIDE, Sun.-Mon.; HOLLY, Sun.-Tues.; JACKSON HEIGHTS COLONY, Sat.; JACKSON HEIGHTS EARLE, Sun.-Mon.; JACKSON HEIGHTS FAIR, Sun.-Tues.; KEW GARDENS HILLS MAIN ST. PLAYHOUSE, Sun.-Tues.; LITTLE NECK, Sat.; MIDDLE VILLAGE ARION, Sat.; QUEENS VILLAGE BELL-AIRE, Sun.-Tues.; RICHMOND HILL CASINO, Sat.; ST. ALBAN'S CAMBRIA, Sun.-Tues.; ST. ALBAN'S LINDEN, Sun.-Tues.; ST. ALBAN'S, Sat.; SPRINGFIELD GARDENS, Sat.; WOODSIDE 43d St., Sat.-Sun.

The Clock: MIDDLE VILLAGE ARION, Wed.

Holiday in Mexico: FLUSHING-ROOSEVELT, Sat.; JAMAICA CARLTON, Sun.-Tues.; RICHMOND HILL GARDEN, Sun.-Tues.; WOODSIDE 43d St., Sat.-Sun.

House on 92d Street: WOODSIDE BLISS, Mon.-Tues.; JAMAICA SAVOY, Wed.-Sat.; RICHMOND HILL LEFFERTS, Wed.-Thurs.

Killers: CORONA, Sun.-Mon.; FLUSHING ROOSEVELT, Sun.-Mon.; FOREST HILLS, Sat.-Sun.; HOLLY, Sat.; JACKSON HEIGHTS BOULEVARD, Sun.-Mon.; JACKSON HEIGHTS JACKSON, Sat.; JAMAICA SAVOY, Sat.; OZONE PARK CROSSBAY, Sat.-Tues.; QUEENS VILLAGE BELL-AIRE, Sat.; RICHMOND HILL LEFFERTS, Sat.-Sun.; ST. ALBAN'S CAMBRIA, Sat.

Laura: FLUSHING TOWN, Tues.-Thurs.; SUNNYSIDE CENTER, Sat.; WOODSIDE 43d St., Tues.-Wed.

Monieur Beaucare: BAYSIDE, Sat.; BAYSIDE VICTORY, Sun.-Mon.; FLUSHING MAYFAIR, Sat.; FOREST HILLS INWOOD, Sat.; JACKSON HEIGHTS EARLE, Sat.; JACKSON HEIGHTS FAIR, Sat.; JACKSON HEIGHTS POLK, Sun.-Tues.; JAMAICA CARLTON, Sat.; KEW GARDENS AUSTIN, Sat.; LAURELTON, Sat.; LITTLE NECK, Sun.-Tues.; REGO PARK DRAKE, Sun.-Tues.

Night in Casablanca: MIDDLE VILLAGE ARION, Sun.-Tues.

Notorious: BAYSIDE VICTORY, Sat.; FLUSHING UTOPIA, Sun.-Tues.; FOREST HILLS TRYLON, Sun.-Tues.; LAURELTON, Sun.-Tues.; REGO PARK DRAKE, Sat.

Sister Kenny: RICHMOND HILL LEFFERTS, Mon.-Tues.; ROCKAWAYS PARK, Sat.

Smoky: ASTORIA BROADWAY, Sat.; ASTORIA GRAND, Sat.; FOREST HILLS INWOOD, Sun.-Tues.; JAMAICA, Sun.-Tues.; KEW GARDENS AUSTIN, Sun.-Tues.; RICHMOND HILL GARDEN, Sat.; RICHMOND HILL CASINO, Sun.-Tues.; WOODHAVEN ROOSEVELT, Sat.-Mon.

BROADWAY THEATRES

(Recommended)

Best Years of Our Lives—ASTOR.

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Jericho—55th St. PLAYHOUSE.

Open City—WORLD.

Stone Flower—STANLEY.

The Overlanders—RIALTO.

MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

(Silent Film Revivals)

The Black Pirate (Douglas Fairbanks)

Dec. 27-29.

Beau Geste (Ronald Coleman) Dec. 30-Jan. 2.

New Year's Eve

Tropical Fiesta

Kenneth Spencer will appear in person at the New Year's Eve (Dec. 31) Tropical Fiesta and Ball at the Central Opera House, 205 E. 67 St. at 3d Ave. He will share the stage with Paul Draper, Betty Garrett, Larry Winters, Arline Carmen and other noted entertainers. The Citizen's Committee of the Upper West Side is sponsoring the affair. Tickets at the Music Room, Bookfair, Skazka, the Workers Bookshop and Jefferson Bookshop.

'Turning Point' At the Irving

The Irving Place Theatre is holding over the Soviet film Turning Point for a second week starting today. Chekhov's The Bear is the co-attraction.

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Startling Color Schemes In Soviet 'Stone Flower'

When Director Alexander Ptushko wanted background scenes for Stone Flower, new Soviet color film opening today at the Stanley Theatre, he sent out what is probably the smallest, most simply equipped loca-

tion crew in cinema history... a unit consisting of two young artists, Mikhail Bogranov and Gregor My-

asnikov, armed only with sketching pads and water colors.

They had discussed with Pavel Bazhov, upon whose book, The Malachite Box, a best-selling selection of Ural folk legends, Stone Flower is based, what kind of setting he had in mind. They went travelling through the historic

Urals Mountain region, sketching in water colors the forests and rugged mountains, the marvelous coloring of the foliage and the surrounding countryside.

When they brought back their sketches they got together with Bazhov and Ptushko and selected the basic colors for the picture, and though not one foot of film was shot on this unusual location trip, the colors in the "outdoor scenes" in Stone Flower reproduce faithfully

the rich coloring of the historic countryside.

As they progressed with their work they realized they would have to employ two different color scales, one for the scenes of actual life, the greens and browns of the peasants' huts, the flashing reds and blues of the wedding and fair scenes, and another for the scenes in the subterranean domain of the Lady of Copper Mountain... vivid rose and blood rose, deep malachite green and mysterious mother of pearl, suitable to the lair of a sorceress.

The results of the startling innovations in production methods and the use of color have won for Stone Flower unstinted praise not only in the Soviet Union, but at the Cannes International Cinema Festival where the film won first prize for color, and in the United States Life Magazine selected it as one of the best new Russian pictures.

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WOR-Sports Question Box
WJZ-News; Jimmy Blair, Songs
WCBS-News; Harry Marble
WMCA-News; Music
WQXR-News; Music to Remember
6:25-WQXR-Here, There in New York
6:30-WNBC-Boston Tune Party
WOR-Fred Van deventer
WJZ-Harry Wimer, Sports
WMCA-Racing Results
WQXR-Dinner Concert
6:45-WNBC-Religion in the News
WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax
WJZ-Labor-U.S.A.
WCBS-Larry Lesuer, News
WMCA-Sports Resume
7:00-WNBC-Our Foreign Policy
WOR-Guess Who-Quiz
WJZ-Voice of Business
WCBS-Patti Clayton, Songs
WMCA-News; Music
WQXR-News; Concert Stage
7:15-WJZ-Elmer Davis, News
WCBS-Jean Sablon, Songs
WMCA-Interview With a Star
7:30-WNBC-Curtain Time-Play
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NMU Demands 25% Pay Hike

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The CIO National Maritime Union (NMU) yesterday presented demands for a 25 percent increase in wage and overtime rates for seamen on ships of 39 firms as negotiations began with the American Merchant Marine Institute (AMMI). Wage demands were also presented to the AMMI

2 Boys Charged In Wilmington Cop Slaying

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 27.—Curly-haired Danny Norris, 17-year-old inmate of a school for delinquent boys, stood unmoved today when he and a younger companion were charged formally with the murder of a Wilmington city detective.

Norris, was accused of firing five shots at detective Thomas Conaty as he questioned the boy about a robbery.

Leonard Bushell, Norris' alleged companion in three robberies which preceded the shooting, also was charged with murder. However, it was understood he will be indicted as an accessory since police said he did not fire any shots at the 34-year-old detective.

VA Clerks Get Payless Christmas

When they were hired a month ago, temporary clerks of the Veterans Administration, 350 Broadway, were advised they would be paid for legal holidays. Their first holiday was Christmas. But, according to a "new order" made public yesterday, the holiday will be payless.

Kroll Recovering After Operation

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 27.—Jack Kroll, national director of the CIO Political Action Committee, underwent an operation for a gall bladder ailment at a hospital here yesterday. His condition was described as "excellent." His physician said he would be hospitalized for at least a month.

Congressmen Plan to Help Bosses Fight Portal Pay Suits

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Congressmen from both Republican and Democratic ranks predicted today that the 80th Congress will move quickly to limit by law the liability of business and industry on portal-to-portal back pay suits filed by labor unions. Unions demanding pay for time spent by workers on company property already have filed suits for claims totalling almost \$1,000,000,000 and some labor spokesmen believe the final figure may reach \$6,000,000,000. Most of the suits seek to collect back pay retroactively to 1938.

Meanwhile claims for retroactive portal-to-portal pay received a tremendous boost when a U.S. district court in Milwaukee ruled unconstitutional a Wisconsin law imposing a 2-year limitation on claims arising under federal statutes.

The case arose from the suit for back wages brought by John Kampe against the Michael Yundt Co. of Waukesha. Kampe is seeking pay under the wage-hour act for 1,715 overtime hours at the rate of time-and-a-half for work performed between June 1942 and March 1946.

The company contended that under a Wisconsin law passed in August 1945 Kampe could not go back more than two years in his suit, which is pending trial. The wage and hour and public contracts divisions

for approximately 1000 radio operators by the CIO American Communications Assn. (ACA). Heading the ACA negotiators was Jack Winocur, vice president in

partment. The NMU wage committee consisted of president Joseph Curran, treasurer M. Hedley Stone, vice presidents Joseph Stack and How-

LaGuardia to Keynote Joint Voter Meet

Fiorello H. LaGuardia and Archibald MacLeish will deliver the keynote addresses at the opening luncheon-session of the joint national convention of the National Citizens Political Action Committee and the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions today at the Hotel Commodore.

The two-day convention has been called to form a single mass progressive organization into which both ICCASP and NCPAC will merge together with unaffiliated city and state committees of independent voters. Prior to the luncheon meeting, delegates from the state and city chapters of both committees will meet in separate closed sessions to consider dissolution of existing bodies and establishment of the new organization.

Among the delegates, representing groups from 38 states, are: Elmer Benson, former Governor of Minnesota, Moss Hart, playwright, A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Dr. Henry Pratt Fairchild, Aline MacMahon, stage and screen actress; Algernon Black of the Ethical Culture Society, Philip Cohen, radio representative of UNESCO, and Martin Popper, Executive Secretary of the National Lawyers Guild.

ard McKenzie and port committeemen Philip Miller, Charles Keith and Charles Mills. Heading the negotiators for the AMMI was Frank J. Taylor.

Following the NMU's presentation of its demands the meeting was adjourned to Jan. 3. ACA talks were put over until Jan. 7.

The NMU also submitted demands for an adjustment of many skilled ratings, retroactivity as of Jan. 1, 1947, and a clause wiping out existing inequities in wages for the same job on different vessels.

While the operators gave no indication at the meeting what their approach will be to the union's demands, it is known that they have decided upon taking a stiff stand on wage increases.

Curran-Lundeberg Parley In San Francisco Disclosed

Joseph Curran, president of the CIO's National Maritime Union, and Harry Lundeberg, head of the AFL's Sailors' Union of the Pacific, held a meeting in a luncheon room, on Dec. 12, according to stories published in San Francisco papers yesterday. Also present at the meeting, according to the stor-

ies, were V. J. Malone, president of the Marine Firemen (Independent), and James Drury, San Francisco NMU port agent.

Queried about the meeting, Curran at New York said he met with Lundeberg to discuss joint action by seafaring unions on issues affecting the Coast Guard and recodification of maritime laws.

At San Francisco there was no comment on this from leaders of the Committee of Maritime Unity, from which Curran resigned or from Drury. But the San Francisco Call-

SHIPOWNER PROFITS SOAR

Profits of shipowners have soared to record highs this year. Figures for five of the firms represented in wage talks with the NMU yesterday showed huge increases for the first nine months of this year as compared with the same period in 1945. Following are the profit figures:

Firm	Profits in 1945 (As of Sept. 30)	Profits in 1946 (As of Sept. 30)
American Export Lines	\$1,139,691	\$3,534,483
AGWI Lines	1,086,314	2,631,187
Merchant and Miners Transport Co.	245,788	1,828,950
McCormack Lines	1,621,794	2,610,250
U. S. Lines	1,005,000	4,413,000

Just as startling are the figures showing the increase in profits over the prewar average.

Firm	1936-39 Average	1945	Percent Rise
American Export Lines	\$1,001,308*	\$1,745,324	74
AGWI Lines	496,463	1,549,633 (profit)	
Eastern Gas & Fuel Asso.			
(Mystic SS Lines)	1,890,333	3,944,965	108
Merch. & Miners Trans. Co.	80,030	144,424	80
United Fruit Co.	12,592,200	18,908,200	50
U. S. Lines	1,150,522	2,079,377 (profit)	

* All figures are from Moody's Manual of Investments.

Bulletin (Hearst) which says it got the story from Lundeberg, reports Curran informed Lundeberg he would resign from the CMU because he felt he must split with the "Communist" elements.

The Call-Bulletin then goes on to report that Curran asked Lundeberg if there was any basis for NMU-SUP unity. To this Lundeberg is quoted to have replied that Curran must first get rid of the "commis-

sars." Malone, who pulled his union out of the CMU, announced meanwhile that he is planning a conference in Washington to include all seafaring unions of the AFL and CIO, but excluding both CIO and AFL longshoremen. The conference, ostensibly, aims for joint action on maritime legislation before Congress.

SMITH'S STATEMENT

National NMU secretary Ferdinand C. Smith yesterday issued a statement for publication in the union's Pilot supporting the position taken by vice-president Joseph Stack and Howard McKenzie. He

said Curran's resignation from the CMU will have "harmful repercussions not only among the affiliated membership of the CMU but among all seamen."

He said objections raised by Curran on the procedure and structure of the CMU are groundless because they were temporary. The final constitution of the CMU is to be worked out at a delegated convention where all issues could be thrashed out.

He said Curran should have consulted the membership before resigning, because the overwhelming NMU vote for affiliation with the CMU was cast with the knowledge that Curran was CMU co-chairman.

Smith replied to a number of points in Curran's earlier statement, also in the Pilot and concluded:

"As he points out, the period ahead requires closer unity than ever before. His action, as president of the NMU, to separate from other CMU unions cannot by any stretch of imagination be described as a move for unity. It leads to confusion and disunity."

SUE BETHLEHEM STEEL TODAY FOR \$200,000,000

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—A suit for retroactive portal to portal pay against the Bethlehem Steel Co. involving \$200,000,000 will be filed in Federal District Court here tomorrow by the CIO United Steel Work-

Sherbell, Kaplan, Soviero Sworn In

Two American Labor Party legislators—Senator-elect Kenneth Sherbell, 10th Senatorial District, and Assemblyman-elect Samuel Kaplan, 24th A.D.—took the oath of office yesterday before Supreme Court Justice Meier Steinbrink in Brooklyn's Borough Hall.

Assemblyman-elect Joseph M. Soviero, who won the office with ALP support, also took the oath.

ers of America, the union announced today.

The suit will be presented in the behalf of all 50,000 steel workers employed by Bethlehem throughout the United States. A total of 13,000 workers have already signed individual authorizations.

Attorneys for the union include Lee Pressman, general counsel for the CIO and the USWA; Witt and Cammer of New York City and E. Nathan Richter of this city.

BRILLIANT WITHOUT CAUSE

LONDON, Dec. 27.—This advertisement appeared today in the personal columns of The Times—"Brilliant Speaker Wants First-Class Cause."